

WEAVINGS

Prayer for Colombia during the accelerated time of violence and state of emergency following the inauguration of President Uribe on August 7, 2002.

1. **God of Colombia and the United States, we bring our threads of confused thoughts to your all-powerful and all caring presence.**
 2. We pray for the people of Colombia, who are experiencing the inauguration of a new phase of violence and tension as well as a new administration.
 3. *We pray for the people of the United States, whose taxes provide military aid for the government of Colombia.*
 4. ***We pray for the Mennonites of Colombia, who live Christ's peace as they teach nonviolence and comfort the families displaced by violence.***
2. We pray for the leaders of Colombia and the United States, that they hear your creative solutions to the increasing economic and humanitarian crisis in Colombia.
 3. *We pray for the armed groups of Colombia, that they discover their common humanity and desire for peace with their country folk.*
 4. ***We pray for the nonviolent seekers of dignified life and peace with justice, that they feel your courage and perseverance coursing through their veins.***

ALL. WEAVE US TOGETHER, GOD, ONE PEOPLE, ONE CARE, ONE HOPE.

1. **God of us all, we are drained by the years of terror and the murders of your workers for peace. Our hearts overflow with**
2. Despair for the continuing death and destruction,
3. *Indignation at the executions of your sacred, peace-seeking workers,*
4. ***Incomprehension of how humans treat one another, and***

2. Frustration with our own sense of helplessness.
 1. **God of love, give the people of Colombia and the people of the United States,**
 3. *Hope for a kinder Colombia,*
 4. ***Belief that positive change is possible,***
 2. Faith to withstand more disappointment, and
 3. *Strength to continue to witness for justice.*
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