



**PRAY  
AND ACT  
FOR  
PEACE  
IN IRAQ**



### **A surge of prayer**

Supper is cooking, we are returning home,  
Charlie Gibson evening news is muffling  
in background about how the military surge  
in Iraq is finally working, also working  
for military-minded candidates in primaries.

Lord, the surge in military might  
leaves us spent and helpless,  
thirsting for the living water  
of hopeful peace we long to see  
drench the desert lands, drench the desert  
of our souls that have not seen  
a surge in prayer equal to the powers.

We confess that our bare trickle of words  
feels so slight in the light of something so big,  
We plead with you, O God, to bring us rain –  
the kind we taste on the tongue of our prayers,  
that kind that makes green things grow again  
in the gray, dusty haze of bomb smoke and gun fire,  
the kind that brings a surge of passion for peace.

**Amen.**

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