

**PRAY
AND
ACT
FOR
PEACE**



Prayer

Holy Parent, you have surrounded me with your unconditional love. You have blessed me with each breath that I take. You have provided for me opportunities to learn. You have put me in a world that is filled with your magnificent creations. You have given me so much, yet my prayers at times are nothing more than a wish list, a selfish rant or distracted thanks.

Why do you keep listening Lord? Why do you stay present? Why do you waste your time beside me when I just keep asking for more?

Loving Creator, you have chosen all of us as your children. You have brought us into being and called us by name. You have sprinkled our world with variety through people, plants and animals. You created no two of us alike. You have blessed us with originality, yet we find fault when things are not like us.

Why did you let us choose Lord? Why did you allow your creation to open the door to evil and disobedience? Why are you letting your children kill, harm and curse one another?

Gracious God, we need more of you in our world. We must learn how to speak your language again; learn how to be silent. We could question all day, but you already know our questions. We could ask all day, but you already know our needs. We could cry all day, but you already know our pain. What we fail to give you is ourselves, our time and our schedule.

We give you this time and this space Lord. We give you this silence to move among us, to speak to us and to show us your will for our days.

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(Silence)

Help us know how to love the world we are a part of.
Help us love the red, the blue, the terrorist, the salesperson, the
police officer, our sister, our brother, the Iraq soldier, the Iraq
warrior, our President and the bad driver.
Forgive us Lord, for we have forgotten how to truly love.

(Silence)

Help us realize it is not all about "doing," but "being" with you.
Help us listen to someone in pain without giving a solution.
Help us to not always look at our watch. Help us remember to
have silence. Help us to see the value of stopping, sitting, and
simply "being" with you.
Forgive us Lord for we have forgotten how to truly "be."

(Silence)

Amen

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