

# Petitions for Peace

**Petition.** We pray for a world where all people respect and care for one another, where love overcomes all hate and fear.

**Response.** Lead us in your truth, O God; teach us your paths.

**Petition.** We pray for a world where all children are taught about cooperation and community, where they learn that tolerance and respect can overcome prejudice and discrimination.

**Response.** Lead us in your truth, O God; teach us your paths.

**Petition.** We pray for a world where difference, tradition, culture, and spiritual roots are honored; where the goal of living in a peaceful community is as important as clean air, water, and protecting life.

**Response.** Lead us in your truth, O God; teach us your paths.

**Petition.** We pray for a world where political leaders encourage respect for diversity instead of exploiting differences for political gains.

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**Petition.** We pray for a world where leaders of all faiths denounce absolutism and fundamentalism, and where all expressions of faith are respected and revered.

**Response.** Lead us in your truth, O God; teach us your paths.

**Petition.** We pray for a world where the oppression of minorities is unacceptable everywhere, and where understanding and peacemaking are shared priorities and societal goals.

**Response.** Lead us in your truth, O God; teach us your paths.

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