

A PRAYER FOR PEACE in response to the WAR in IRAN

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are deeply saddened by the violence and destruction unfolding in our world. The bombing of Iran and the escalating tensions in the region remind us of the fragile nature of peace and the immense cost of war.

We affirm the sacred dignity of every human life.

We reject hatred and dehumanization that occurs in the name of seeking peace.

We grieve every life lost.

We pray for families who are mourning.

We ask you to protect civilians, children and all who are most vulnerable from further harm.

While nations wrestle with complex political and security concerns, we believe Christ calls us to be agents of reconciliation, truth and peace.

We commit ourselves to pray for wisdom for leaders, protection for the innocent, comfort for those who grieve, and restraint that prevents further bloodshed. May God's justice and mercy guide all nations toward lasting peace.

Holy Spirit, bring comfort where there is fear, courage where there is despair, and hope where darkness feels overwhelming. Amen.

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