

# God of Peace,

**If we have assisted in transforming the world that You created from a perfect garden to a place where children make bombs to kill other children, forgive us. Please show us how to make peace.**

**If we have been accomplices in changing a world that you designed as a sanctuary for your many different children into a place where governments kill those who are different, forgive us. Please show us how to make peace.**

**We know that our actions bring sorrow to you again and again. You look down upon the war zones of our inner cities. This world is not what you created it to be.**

**You look down upon the city of Jerusalem and the mountainsides of Central America. This world is not what you created it to be.**

**You look down upon our communities, our churches, our families. This world is not what you created it to be.**

**By now, you must think that we are turning your whole creation into a skull-shaped world. We are warriors, searching for peace. Turn us around, O Lord.**

**Make us instruments of your peace, this day.**

**Amen.**

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