Peace Prayer

Tune: Siyahamba (South African tune)
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(1) Join in praise, all creatures great and small,
For God's loving-kindness over all.
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One,
From the dawn until the day is done
(day is done*).

(Chorus)
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Give the glory to our God on high
(God on high*).
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Pray for peace throughout the Earth and sky.

2) We are praying for the peace of God,
We are praying for the peace of God.
We are praying for the peace of God,
We are praying for the peace of God
(peace of God*).

(Chorus)
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Give the glory to our God on high
(God on high*).
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Pray for peace throughout the Earth and sky.

3) We are marching for the peace of God,
We are marching for the peace of God.
We are marching for the peace of God,
We are marching for the peace of God
(peace of God*).

(Chorus)
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Give the glory to our God on high
(God on high*).
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Pray for peace throughout the Earth and sky.

4) We shall live in peace at last one day
With the Spirit showing us the way.
We shall live in peace at last one day
With the Spirit showing us the way
(showing us the way*).

(Chorus)
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Give the glory to our God on high
(God on high*).
Alleluia! (Alleluia*) Alleluia! Oh!
Pray for peace throughout the Earth and sky.

(Coda-for choral use)
Give the glory to our God on high.
Peace will come one day 'round Earth and sky.
Give the glory to our God on high.

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*Echo - preferably lower voices; listen for examples of this echo effect in singing of Siyahamba by various choral groups on YouTube.

** Note: Verse 1 optional; suitable for use in Christian settings. Verses 2-4 suitable for Christian and/or interfaith settings. (For interfaith settings, another option would be to use verses 2 and 3 only, alternating them with as many repetitions as desired.) Coda may be used after Verse 4 when sung by a choral group.