A Litany for Peacemakers

Leader 1: God of gentleness and compassion, hear the prayer of your weary children.

Leader 2: When we see little fruit from long years of labor,

People: O Christ, be our peace.

Leader 1: When our witness to the Gospel of peace falls on deaf ears,

People: O Christ, be our peace.

Leader 2: When our own hearts are filled with anxiety and competitiveness,

People: O Christ, be our peace.

Leader 1: When relations with our co-workers are a mistrustful truce,

People: O Christ, be our peace.

Leader 2: When we quarrel with those we hold most dear,

People: O Christ, be our peace.

Leader 1: Encourage us, Lord, that we would never falter in our prayers for your gift of peace.

People: O Christ, be our peace.

Leader 2: In Baghdad and Tikrit and Nasiriyah,

People: Let Shalom be your gift.

Leader 1: In Jerusalem and Gaza and the West Bank,

People: Let Shalom be your gift.

Leader 2: In Kabul and Islamabad and Kashmir,

People: Let Shalom be your gift.

Leader 1: In Toronto, New York, Mexico City, San Juan,

People: Let Shalom be your gift.

Leader 2: In hospital, the courts, in our schools and city streets,

People: Let Shalom be your gift.

Leader 1: Whether defending abused women,

Leader 2: or tutoring children,

Leader 1: or standing up for sexual minorities,

People: We will not lose heart, for Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader 1: Whether exposing injustice,

Leader 2: or demanding affordable housing,

Leader 1: or sheltering the homeless,

People: We will not lose heart, for Jesus Christ is Lord.

Leader 2: Whether preaching and teaching,

Leader 1: or challenging politicians,

Leader 2: or marching in the streets,

People: We will not lose heart, for Jesus Christ is Lord.

All: “For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” Amen. (Colossians 1:19,20)

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