## **Prayer – Grant Us Your Peace**

We know that the true peace that surpasses all human understanding is not limited to the simple silencing of guns when living in a war, not only reconciliation when there is conflict and hostility, and not even harmony when in a fight. The peace that the Father gives to his children exceeds all of these. It is a holistic blessing that provides tranquility, safety, health, prosperity and material and spiritual comfort for all.

Yes, Lord, this is the peace that your people need now. This is our hope when we lose hope of living in harmony with others.

Hate has been Satan's weapon which separates brothers and sisters from the same family, church, country, continent and world. We become separated when the conditions are ripe, when justice is missing and when oppression furthers division and enmity.

Lord, we know that the solution we desire rests in the true peace that comes through you; even though we often search for it in all the wrong ways and places.

Father, as your children we come together before you on this day, praying that you may grant the peace we need and desire; peace that overcomes hate and enmity; that teaches us to love our enemies; that helps us to nurture families, churches, societies and nations so that the world may be increasingly favourable in your eyes.

This is our prayer, O Lord, in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

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