

## A Litany for Peace in the Holy Land

This litany has evolved out of prayers said daily in the Cathedral Church of St George-the-Martyr, Jerusalem, as a result of the tensions, violence, paranoia and fear that has swept through Jerusalem and is continuing to affect the entire region since October 2015.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**All Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**All Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
**All Grant us your peace.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**All Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the birth in Bethlehem of the Word made flesh,  
your Son, Jesus Christ; who dwelt among us full of grace and truth.  
For your love and your goodness  
**All We give you thanks, O God**

We thank you for his life; his death here in Jerusalem as he carried our sins and  
suffering, and for his glorious Resurrection in which he gave us new life with him.  
For your love and your goodness  
**All We give you thanks, O God**

We thank you for entrusting to us the ministry of forgiveness, reconciliation and  
peace-making for the healing of your creation.  
For your love and your goodness  
**All We give you thanks, O God**

We pray for all victims of bloodshed, violence, and persecution. We especially  
pray for all in danger and those fleeing persecution in the Holy Land, and  
throughout the Middle East.  
Lord, hear our prayer  
**All And let our cry come unto you**

We pray for all who grieve for those they have loved and lost as a result of violence, particularly those grieving in Palestine and Israel.

Lord, hear our prayer

**All    And let our cry come unto you**

We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide all leaders, especially on those who lead the peoples in the Land of the Holy One, the United Nations and upon all in authority, so Your people may seek ways of peace and justice.

Lord, hear our prayer

**All    And let our cry come unto you**

Heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you. You are our only refuge in a troubled world.

Lord, hear our prayer

**All    And let our cry come unto you**

The Lord be with you.

**All    And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**All    Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to us and the people of all the nations a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that all of your people may use their liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**