

*A Prayer for Peace*

(p. 178 in prayer book)

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease,  
When a great peace will embrace the whole world.

*Then nation will not threaten nation,  
and the human family will not again know war.*

For all who live on earth shall realize  
we have not come into being to hate or to destroy.  
We have come into being to praise, to labor, and to love.

*Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations  
with the power of compassion.*

Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture:

I will bring peace to the land  
and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.

*I will rid the land of vicious beasts  
and it shall not be ravaged by war.*

Let justice and righteousness flow like a mighty stream.

Let God's peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

And let us say: *Amen.*