

## **Prayer for conscientious objectors**

Just as the leaders of our churches worked to create alternatives to fighting, help us also to be creative peacemakers.

Lord, hear our prayer

We thank you for the early Anabaptists, who set the example of being willing to suffer to follow you.

Lord, hear our prayer

Just as Sam Martin stood firm in resisting wearing a uniform and everything it represented, please empower us to stand firm in our witness for peace.

Lord, hear our prayer

We thank you for the young men who served as conscientious objectors, so that today we can learn from their witness.

Lord, hear our prayer

We thank you for the many people who have withheld taxes and faced financial risk to resist paying for war.

Lord, hear our prayer

Give wisdom to those in power to make even the small choices that resist violence.

Lord, hear our prayer

*...Continue to fill in, according to your church's particular circumstance and focus.*