

## **Prayers for peace**

### **Collect**

Oh God,  
Landscaper of Peace,  
You root us in love  
and tend to us like a tree by the water.  
Turn over the soil of our indifference  
and weed out the roots of violence;  
that our actions may yield healing in a warring world.  
We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
who calls us to a harvest of peace.  
Amen.

### **Prayer of approach**

Author of Peace,  
as we look upon the violence in our world,  
our hope falters and we turn to you.

Awaken us to your vision,  
rekindle our hope,  
instil in us the courage to resist evil through peaceful means,  
and strengthen us anew for your labour of peacemaking;  
that we may be collaborators in your Kingdom,  
through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace,  
Amen.

### **Prayer of invocation**

God of our faith,  
who continues to call your people to peacemaking;  
we thank you for your faithfulness to all generations  
and call on your Spirit to uphold and guide us.

Cultivate the seeds of peace until they flourish.  
Nurture our conscience with the values of your kingdom;  
that we may branch out into healing and reconciliation.

Dismantle the machinery of war and brokenness,  
the mechanics of violence and destruction,  
that we may inhabit a place of love and growth.

May your peace continue to beckon us,  
may your power continue to strengthen us,  
Amen.