

## For peace in the Middle East

*"They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war."*

Isaiah 2:4

God of peace, bearer of hope,

we seek your help

for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war

and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division

sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction

help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying

bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them

Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear

and breathe whispers of hope.

Amen.

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