

## PRAYERS FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

### PRAYER FOR PEACE, #651

Give peace in our times, O Lord, because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O our God.

V. Peace be within thy walls,

R. And abundance within thy towers.

Let us pray.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all right counsels and all just works do proceed; give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being delivered from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time, under Thy protection, in rest and quietness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say unto Thine Apostles: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth but as I giveth unto you," regard not our sins but Thy merits, and grant unto all Thy servants, that they whom the Almighty Father hath created and governeth and whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood and hast ordained unto everlasting life, that they may love one another with all their hearts for Thy sake and may be made one in spirit and rejoice in Thy perpetual peace. Lord Jesus Christ, concerning whom the Prophet hath said: "And all kings of the earth shall adore Him, all nations shall serve Him," extend Thy reign over the whole human race. Send upon all men the light of Thy faith, deliver them from all the snares and bonds of passion and direct them to heavenly things; and graciously grant, that the states and nations may be united by the means of Thine immaculate Bride, Holy Church, and, through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, may serve Thee in all humility; and that all tongues and peoples may form one great choir to praise Thee both day and night, to bless Thee, to exalt Thee, O King and Ruler of the nations, O Prince of Peace, immortal King of endless ages. Amen.