

From self-righteousness that will not compromise,
and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others,
O God, deliver us.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,
O God, deliver us.

From trusting in the weapons of war,
and mistrusting the councils of peace,

O God, deliver us.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations,

O God, deliver us.

From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

O God, deliver us.

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred;
from everything that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace,

O God, deliver us.

God, we pray for peace this day. We pray for those living in the midst of violence and oppression, and for those without a voice. Grant us courage that we would also live in ways that promote justice and peace by our words, our actions and our gifts. Amen.

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Opening Hymn For the Healing of the Nations

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayer Response

Luke 4:14-21

“Under Pressure”

Closing Hymn The Voice of God is Calling