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God of peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East, in Syria, in Iraq, in Gaza and the West Bank, in Israel. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict. Lead those who engage in violence to put down their weapons and to live in peace with one another.

God of justice, bless those who work for peace through justice. Strengthen their resolve in the face of seemingly endless violence. Guide the leaders of the peoples of the Middle East to know your will and to support a just peace for all of your children.

God of mercy, even as we long to understand that which is often beyond our comprehension, we lay before you the hearts, minds and bodies of all those suffering from conflict in the occupied Palestinian territory and Israel, in Syria in Iraq. Shower upon all the people of these areas the spirit of justice and reconciliation.

God of the nations, give to all our people the blessings of well-being, freedom, and harmony, and, above all things, give us faith in you that we may be strengthened to care for all those in need until the coming of your son, our Saviour and Lord.

God of love, we pray for the torn and divided peoples of the Middle East; for refugees and uprooted families; for all living in camps and for those who assist them, and for all who have been bereaved, injured and traumatized.

Especially at this time, we pray for all who suffer in the midst of renewed conflict and attack. We pray for Israelis living with the threat of rocket fire, for Palestinians in the West Bank subjected to the violation of their civil liberties and human rights and living under the constraints of military occupation and settler harassment. We pray for the people of Gaza, living under blockade and repeated military bombardment, adding fear to the misery of poverty and want. We pray for the conflict in Syria which still holds its place as the world's deadliest conflict. We pray that amongst all the other conflicts and battles it will not be forgotten, but that leaders will push for peace and justice in Syria as well. We pray for the ongoing conflict in Iraq, a country that has been home to violence and war for so long, we pray that its children will know what peace and safety is one day soon

Lord we pray for children and young people in all the conflicts around the world who are caught up in terror beyond their understanding or control. We pray for those who have been killed, maimed, bereaved; those who have had their future torn away from them; those whose lives are bleak, lacking opportunity, mobility and hope. We repent of our complicity in silence, our closing our eyes to the needs and wellbeing of the children and our failure to reject the ways of violence, threat and injustice

Lord help us to recognise that injustice also happens in our own communities. Help us to continue to seek out ways to end this injustice. We thank you for the work that Tracey does in Pinehill. We pray that the amazing work she and Presbyterian support does will be continued to be supported in pine hill and that positive changes will continue to flow through the community. We pray that Pinehill will continue to strengthen as a community.

Lord Help your people to restore broken relationships.
Give us patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust;
Give us the ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear.
Teach us to respect each other's integrity and rights
so that your kingdom may be established on earth.

Lord Help all your people to do as Micah 6:8 says and act justly, love mercy and I'll walk humbly with you.

When races fight
PEACE BE AMONGST US
When neighbours argue
PEACE BE AMONGST US
When nations disagree
PEACE BE AMONGST US
Where people struggle for justice
LET JUSTICE PREVAIL
Where Christ's disciples follow
LET PEACE BE OUR WAY
AMEN