

## Christmas Prayer for Peace 2023



Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace,  
today, as never before, we pray for Your loving peace.

We pray for your people across our world whose lives have been torn apart by conflict and war: the people of Gaza and Israel, Ukraine, Yemen, Iran, Ethiopia, Haiti, Afghanistan, Myanmar, Somalia, Tigre and the Congo.

While we rejoice and celebrate the birth of the Christ-child, our Saviour, we pray for those who are grieving, injured, or displaced, those without food, shelter, or medical supplies, and those who have lost their lives.

We pray for those who have the power to bring peace.  
May seeking peace be the guiding force in the hearts of our world leaders.  
May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and a genuine desire for a just peace.

May every man, woman and child respect the sanctity of life and realise how precious all human life is.

O Prince of Peace, who became a child, weak and vulnerable, help us to disarm, heal, and transform our world.

May those who suffer remember Your words:

“Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

My peace I leave with you, my peace I give you.”

This Christmas and always  
may we embrace Your wonderful gift of peace  
with courage and conviction.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**