

1983 NOTE: In researching my files for peace liturgies, I came upon this, which was used a decade ago when I preached in Honolulu's "The Church of the Pilgrims," Kawaiahao. (Source unknown: please tell me if you know!)

LITANY OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

Leader: Lord, from the pain of our divided minds and hearts, our restless spirits,  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From our ceaseless search for answers to problems and fears,  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From clinging to false securities, while knowing who is our peace,  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From doing what is evil, while knowing what is good,  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: Lord, from the distrust between young and old that comes from different experiences of life.  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From the conflict of parent with parent, as they seek the good of their children,  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From all lovelessness, meanness, contempt or hatred, that tear families apart,  
All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: Lord, where groups distrust each other because they do not share the same faith,  
All: Make me an instrument of your peace.

Leader: Where people are despised because of race or caste,  
All: Make me an instrument of your peace.

Leader: Where ideologies divide and self-interest drives a wedge between people,  
All: Make me an instrument of your peace.

Leader: Where common commitment to the poor and dispossessed exists across class differences,  
All: Help me build, with others, for peace.

Leader: Where there is a sense of sacredness of the individual and respect for individual differences,  
All: Help me build, with others for peace.

Leader: Lord, where the poor struggle for bread, the refugees for acceptance, the migrant workers for stability and regular employment,  
All: May our commitment to peace commit us to justice.

Leader: Where minorities are despised and vilified,  
All: May our commitment to peace commit us to justice.

Leader: Where women are regarded as less than fully responsible and autonomous human beings,  
All: May our commitment to peace commit us to justice.

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Leader: Where there are those who cannot take the pressure of our competitive societies and choose retreat from its values,

All: May our commitment to peace commit us to justice.

Leader: Lord, from national vanity that poses as patriotism and invites conflict,

All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From the pursuit of power that drives nations to war,

All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From trusting in the weapons of war, and mistrusting the efforts of peace,

All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

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

All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From groundless suspicion and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice and hatred;  
from everything that prevents the human family from fulfilling your  
promise of peace,

All: Deliver us, and grant us your peace.

Leader: Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God.