

## *A Prayer for Peace*

*O God, our Eternal Master, we humbly come before Thee and adore Thee in gratitude and devotion. In the past we appealed to Thee for guidance, for comfort, and never didst Thou turn away Thy face nor withdraw Thy mercy. We have come to know Thee, dear God, as a mighty rock in a shaken and chaotic world. Grant us Thy strength and faith to overcome hatred, to endure suffering, and to help our neighbors. Help us, oh God, to follow the path of love and understanding that leads to freedom and peace.*

*We pray for the Christian church that she may stand more courageously and steadfastly in this hour for the principles for which the Son of Man lived and died. We pray for our leaders. Grant them Thy wisdom, faith, and love to lead our nation back in the right and peaceful way. We pray for the United Nations that it may become an effective instrument and that it may be a Christian influence for a just and enduring peace. We pray for ourselves that we may stand for love and justice. Guide us that we may make life more worthwhile for others; and lead us as we labor together toward a lasting peace. Through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Amen.*

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Emma Frances Bullen Bryan passed away December 23, 2018 in Andalusia, Alabama. During high school, she won a State Garden Club of Alabama contest by writing a "Prayer for Peace" poem and was awarded the Key to the City of Red Bay, Alabama. This is believed to be our original Every Light A Prayer for Peace poem.