**In the Gospel according to John, Jesus said to his followers, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”** *John 14:27*

Prince of Peace, as we continue to celebrate your birth and the New Year spread clean before us, we pray that you fulfill your promise and send us your peace.

Please respond: Lord bring your justice and peace.

*For peace in our world, that the wars and conflicts which terrorize so many come to an end. May swords turn into ploughshares and war zones to fertile fields. We pray,*

**Lord bring your justice and peace.**

*For peace in our communities, that we move beyond the arbitrary divisions and distinctions we use to separate ourselves from one another into an era celebrating what we share. We pray,*

**Lord bring your justice and peace.**

*For peace in our facilities, keep us safe from violence in our workplace and gift each person in our buildings the experience of knowing Your peace in their lives. We pray,*

**Lord bring your justice and peace.**

*For peace in our departments, that we work together with a shared vision and commitment honoring the gifts and contributions of each one. We pray,*

**Lord bring your justice and peace.**

*For peace in ourselves, that in this new year we free our hearts from the violence of comparison, self-doubt, unrealistic expectations and feelings of unworthiness. We pray,*

**Lord bring your justice and peace.**

*For those who would do violence to others, soften their hearts, still their minds and shower your grace upon them that they choose the path of peace rather than that of force. For an end to all forms of violence and the full coming of your peace on Earth. We pray,*

**Lord bring your justice and peace.**