

## Litany for Peacemakers

**Reader:** God of all grace, we lift up our brother peacemakers who are missing in Iraq. Be present with Harmeet, James, Norman and Tom wherever they are. May the prayers being offered all over the world on their behalf fill their spirits with courage and strength, endurance and hope.

**All: Bind up our broken hearts; heal our wounds; move us forward in peace.**

**Reader:** God of all compassion, we pray for the families and friends of Tom, Norman, James and Harmeet. Comfort and keep those who love these men and anxiously await their return. Be with the CPT community through this trying time and pour out your wisdom and grace on everyone working to resolve this crisis.

**All: Bind up our broken hearts; heal our wounds; move us forward in peace.**

**Reader:** God of all mercy, we pray for those who are holding our friends. May their hearts be touched and transformed by your love. May they be persuaded to release our friends, persuaded not by threats of force or vengeance but by the appeals of nonviolence and shared humanity.

**All: Bind up our broken hearts; heal our wounds; move us forward in peace.**

**Reader:** God of all justice, we lift up detainees in Iraq, in Guantanamo Bay, and elsewhere in our world. So many are imprisoned now without consideration for their human rights and dignity. Hear their cries and come to their aid, bringing your promised liberation.

**All: Bind up our broken hearts; heal our wounds; move us forward in peace.**

**Reader:** God of all hope, we pray for the families of these detainees for parents missing children, and children who have lost their parents; for family networks ruptured and hurting and impoverished by this injustice. Hold in your heart all these who need comfort and help, and raise up more peacemakers to stand in solidarity with them.

**All: Bind up our broken hearts; heal our wounds; move us forward in peace.**

**Reader:** God of all righteousness, we long to walk in your way of peace, but we still have much to learn as we live in cultures marked by violence, oppression and greed. Forgive us for ways we have been complicit, ignorant or apathetic. Give us instead your vision and truth, your passion for justice, and a whole-hearted commitment for the struggle ahead.

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