

## Written prayers

### Come Prince of Peace

*This liturgical prayer is based on the spontaneous prayer song, 'Come, Prince of Peace'. The song was written during a worship and prayer time focused on praying for world peace following the news of Osama bin Laden's death (2.5.2011) and the rhetoric used about it by leaders in the UK and US. (You can find the song's mp3, chord sheet and story and purpose at [www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-songs.html](http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-songs.html) )*

*Inspired by scriptures such as Matthew 5:9 & 5:44; John 14:27; Isaiah 9:6 and Romans 12:14-15 the original prayer, and this spoken version of it, lead us to seek mercy rather than judgement, and to stand for peace on our knees.*

*You could obviously use it to pray for other situations of conflict, but if you are praying about the Middle East, US and UK, you might like to use our visual prayer map [PPT slide](#) or [printable PDF](#) alongside this song (see [www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-prayer](http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-prayer) )*

Leader: Lord Jesus, we speak your gracious name over warring lands.

**All: Come Lord Jesus, come Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we would command a blessing

And speak to warring nations – 'lay down your guns, and fight no more'.

**All: Come Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we speak your gracious name over vengeful hearts.

**All: Come Lord Jesus, come Prince of Peace**

Leader: Lord Jesus, we would command a blessing

And speak to all factions – 'lay down your rights, and hate no more'.

**All: Come Prince of Peace.**

Leader: Lord Jesus, bring your Christ-light to shine in these darkest of times and bring your peace to dwell in us richly.

Transform our hearts and minds until mercy triumphs over judgement and challenge all people to lay down their right to judge in favour of the way of love.

**All: Come Prince of Peace, dwell in us richly.**

**We choose to stand for peace on our knees;**

**We choose to mourn with those who might be labelled 'enemy'**

**And we confess that we long to learn the way of grace**

**Teach us please – Prince of Peace – your good and perfect way.**

**Amen.**