

## Social Justice Prayer Network

Prayers for the Period beginning April 1, 2009

Jesus came and stood among [the disciples] and said...  
"Peace be with you. As Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you."  
John 20:19, 21, The Inclusive Bible, Lectionary April 19

See how good, how pleasant it is for God's people to live together as one!  
Psalm 133:1, The Inclusive Bible, April 19

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
"Let There Be Peace on Earth,"  
The United Methodist Hymnal

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*  
*We pray because God sent Jesus to live among us and show us the way to love.*  
*Christ was born, lived, died and is risen.*  
*New life is possible. Shalom is possible.*  
*We pray because we believe.*

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Pray for the third national **Christian Peace Witness for Iraq** event being held in Washington, DC on April 29-30 at the 100-day mark of the new US administration.

Pray for the **'Mobilization to End Poverty'** gathering on **April 26-29, in Washington, D.C.**, rooted in the belief that poverty can be cut in half in 10 years.

Pray for the Council of Bishops as it updates its historic 1986 statement in opposition to nuclear weapons, ***"In Defense of Creation: the Nuclear Crisis and a Just Peace."*** The Council has identified a trio of current "threats" to God's good Creation: pandemic poverty and disease, ecological degradation and climate change, and the world awash with weapons.

Pray as we celebrate another Earth Day, April 22. Pray that every individual, every country will take seriously the need to care for God's good creation.

Pray for fair and just immigration reform. Pray for compassion.

Pray for Sudan, Zimbabwe, Israel, Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan and all places of violence. Pray for Shalom.

*We have been sent into the world to love and bring peace.*  
*Pray for peace in our hearts, homes, communities, country, world.*  
*Pray that all God's children may live as sisters and brothers.*

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