



PRAYER FOR JUST PEACE IN THE PHILIPPINES

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*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for the day will be called children of God.”
Matthew 5:9*

Kapayapaan
Peace
Paz
Kalinaw
Salam
Shalom
Salaamata
Friede
Paix
Santi
Pace
Kedamaian

God, who is known by many names,
Draw us to Your heart.
To the deepest sighs of grieving souls,
so that we may stand and mourn with them for the loss of their kin,
taken by hunger and disease;
taken by bullets and bombs, accused as enemies of the state.

Bring us to your heart,
to the songs of people’s melodies.
They sing lullabies and hymns that long for freedom.
Their voices reach out to the highest heaven, like a prayer.
Lead us to their music.
So that we can sing with them, and pray with them,
until the song of FREEDOM unites us all.

Bring us to your heart.

To the dance of the people's rhythm to struggle for life
that leads their movement towards justice and vision of peace
So that when we breathe in the wind of Shalom
we will know that victory is in us.

Lead us to Your kind heart.

To the poems of people's tears that tell of their humanity.
Bring us to their stories of courage and hope,
Woven together so we may collectively find Your peace that surpasses
understanding and action.

We long for peace.

A Peace that sets us free

from oppression and exploitation.

A peace that is JUST and enduring.

A peace that restores and celebrates our God-given humanity.

Amen.