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*M*y brothers and sisters, grateful for the gift of life and peace, let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the coming of the new and eternal city where God will be all in all:

For the Church of God, that she may work and pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we pray...

For the Mother Church of Jerusalem, that she live out her vocation to build-up the peace of Jerusalem, we pray...

For political leaders, that they may take bold initiatives for the peace of Jerusalem, we pray...

For zealots on all sides, that they may put aside their animosities and be still for the sake of Jerusalem's peace, we pray...

For peacemakers, that they may have courage and perseverance, we pray...

For Jews, Christians, and Muslims that they may learn to be at peace with one another in the Holy Land and here in the United States, we pray to the Lord,

For all those who have died attempting to bring peace to Jerusalem and the Holy Land, that they may rest securely in the bosom of Abraham. Amen.

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Gracious God,
you have promised through your prophets that Jerusalem will be home to many peoples,
mother to many nations.
Hear our prayers that Jerusalem, the city of your visitation, may be for all — Jews, Christians and Muslims — a place to dwell with you and to encounter one another in peace.
We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Grant, O God,
that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move in every human heart, that the barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease, and that, with divisions healed, your people might live in justice and peace;
We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gracious God,
hear our prayers for your holy city, Jerusalem.
End her suffering and make her whole.
Make her your home once again, a city of peace,
and a light to all peoples.
Foster harmony in the holy city among Jews, Christians and Muslims now and evermore.
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