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Loving God, raise up peace-talkers, peace-doers and peace-makers, who are not afraid to speak out against this world's injustices, but above all want an end to bloodshed and destruction, and see peaceful resolution, fueled by your love and grace, replacing the harmful rhetoric, that leads to war. Amen.

When hatred is revealed and its banner unfurled, words turn violence, and innocent lives lost in the name of race, religion, or political creed, may your light be seen, your voice be heard, and this truth ring out, that in the eyes of God there is no place for hate in a world made in love. May your justice prevail, your love triumph always, gracious God, we pray. Amen.

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