

LET US PRAY
(To be read responsively)

Let us pray for peace with our hands, hearts,
minds and deeds

Let us pursue compromise and reconciliation
as true indicators of victory

Let us stop counting dead bodies and
count healthy minds and sound bodies instead

Let us use our voting power to reach out
to the other with respect and friendship

Let us enjoy the diversity of our human garden
as we do the diversity of our botanical gardens

Let us refuse to follow the corrupted powerful
into the hell of war

Let us learn to give peace a try
even though that takes courage

Let us pursue justice in every context
and be a model to all

Let us propose, protest, argue and debate;
Let us accept our obligation

Let us put our knowledge of history aside
and be enduringly hopeful

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