

Here I am, Lord, safe in your peaceful presence. I set aside this time for you, and I remember that wherever I am right now, I stand on holy ground.

Enter those conflicted places in my heart, Holy Spirit: those places where I harbour bitterness, resentment and unforgiveness.

Reconcile me to my neighbour, in those times when I have stood in the way of peace. I confess walking the wide path of the world, rather than the narrow path of Christ.

Everything is yours. And so I pause to reflect on your creation, torn apart by conflict. I know it breaks your heart.

long for peace. Peace in my heart. Peace in my family. Peace in my community. Peace in my country. Peace in our world. I think of those people, places and situations where peace needs to come, and I prepare to offer them to you.

As I offer these people, places and situations to you, I release them to you. You are God. I am not. So I lay them down, knowing that the true transformation comes from you.

My prayer is for peace. As I step into whatever is to come, show me what it means to be a peacemaker. I pray in Jesus' name, the perfect Prince of Peace. Amen.