Prayer for Peace

A “…without God, there can be neither peace nor happiness!”

V Dear God,
we seek peace, non-violent, but not helplessly.
You, yourself, invite us
to accept the peace, that you offer us.
Let us become the people
Who overcome our prejudices,
who are ready to admit our mistakes, and
who are willing to understand those who do not share our
opinions.

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V The strife in this world begins within each of us,
in our own hearts, in our thoughts.
Help us discover your gift of peace.
Also, through us, strengthen our fellow people, to work for
peace.
Give us the energy and patience in dealing with injustice.
Provide us with your spirit,
the spirit of open-mindedness and the spirit of love,
the spirit, that teaches us peace.

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V Your peace demands more from us,
than just not disliking each other.
It does not mean that we may stand aside while injustice grows.
You simply do not want us to avoid evil,
to confuse peacefulness with indifference.
Peace can be committed only, if we ourselves work for the good,
if we ourselves live your presence in this world,
if we act out of your love.

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V Dear God, remain with us on the path of peace.
Amen.

Text of the prayer: Bundespräses Josef Holtkotte / Quotation “…without God, there can be neither peace nor happiness!”: from Adolph Kolping
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(Adolph Kolping 1813-1865)