

Prayers for peace at the start of a meeting

O God, plant us into your will

That we may discern peace

O God, draw us together

That we may find help in one another

O God, speak your word for life

That we may grow in your image

Father hallowed be your name in the Son by the Holy Spirit;

As in the beginning, so now and forever. Amen.

A reading -normally from Scripture

Reflection.

*Opportunity to share **concerns for peace** with one another before God.*

Then the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,

Father Forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,

Father Forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,

Father Forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,

Father Forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,

Father Forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,

Father Forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,

Father Forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you

As we share the coming time together, let us commit our thinking, speaking and deciding to God. [pause]

God, you give us to each other and to the world that we may create care and flourishing, life and delight. May we show forth your image as we seek your purposes.

Amen