

## A Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land

O Lord soften the stone hearts  
of those who preach and practise  
intolerance and bigotry;  
as the sun's setting glow  
softens the stone walls  
of your Holy City, Jerusalem.

Lord, the rocky hills, the valleys,  
the deserts and the sea shores  
are filled with the echoes of  
centuries of pain.

Lord, bring peace to house and  
village.

Comfort the mothers who fret  
and those who mourn.

Lord, keep strong the twisted old  
root  
of the olive tree,  
and protect the young vine.

Lord of water and stone,  
of bread and wine,  
Lord of the resurrection,  
feed hope, and bring peace  
to the wracked but beautiful holy  
lands.

*(Gerald Butt)*



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