

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

*Lord of hope and compassion, Friend of Abraham
Who called our father in faith to journey to a new future,
We remember before You the country of Iraq
from which he was summoned;
Ancient land of the Middle East, realm of the two rivers,
Birthplace of great cities and of civilization.*

*May we who name ourselves 'Children of Abraham'
call to mind all the peoples of the Middle East
who honor him as father.*

*Those who guard and celebrate the Torah,
Those for whom the Word has walked on earth and lived
among us,
Those who follow their Prophet, who listened for the word
in the desert,
And shaped a community after what he heard.*

*Lord of reconciliation, God of the painful sacrifice uniting
humankind,
But now when strife and war are at hand, help us to see in each
other a family likeness,
Our inheritance from our one father, Abraham.*

*Keep hatred from the threshold of our hearts, and preserve
within us a generous spirit,
Which recognizes in both foe and friend a common humanity.*

*This we ask in the name of the One who came to offer us
the costly gift of abundant life.*

Amen

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