

2020 A Light of Peace for Korea: Prayer for Peace #27

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Gracious God of the past, the present, and the future,
Who has sustained us through all of our past struggles and suffering;
Who is with us at the present moment, with all its contradictions and uncertainties,
And who will be with us in a future pregnant with hope and fulfillment

We bless You for past mercies;
For the rich history of partnership between the PROK and The United Church of Canada;
For the faithful witness that so many displayed during the struggle for democracy in South Korea;
For the comfort you offered to so many who endured pain and undeserved suffering for the sake of a better country.

Let us pray a new future into being:
To those who wield power, the wisdom to use it wisely;
To those who would disrupt and divide us, arms to enfold us and unite us with love;
To those who would wish us to be enemies, a refusal to be enemies.

We bring our deepest needs and commitments into the presence of the One who makes all things new.

We ask that you disturb our apathy or indifference to peace and reconciliation.
Fill us with a longing to do justice, seek mercy, and to walk humbly with you.

We bring before you our commitment to create a new heaven and a new earth;

We reaffirm the reality of the Resurrection, that brings:

Life out of death;

Hope out of despair;

Love out of hatred,

Until all life is made new, through You. Amen.

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