

## FOR PEACE IN THE SUDAN

*Leader:* O God, into the pain of the tortured,  
*All:* Breathe stillness.

*Leader:* Into the misery of displacement,  
*All:* Breathe comfort.

*Leader:* Into the hunger of the very poor,  
*All:* Breathe fullness.

*Leader:* Into the death of the innocent,  
*All:* Breathe life.

*Leader:* Into the pain of the widowed and orphans,  
*All:* Breathe hope.

*Leader:* Almighty God,  
You are the source of all truth and peace:  
Look with mercy on your children in the Sudan.  
Purify our hearts from all hatred, falsehood and prejudice,  
And so guide us by your loving wisdom  
that peace and righteousness may be established among all people.

Come, Holy Spirit; comfort us; grant us the peace of mind and soul  
so that we may receive the great blessing of love,  
peace and reconciliation in the Sudan,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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