

# A Litany for Peace In Troubled Times

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*You say, the times are troublesome, the times are burdensome, the times are miserable. Live rightly and you will change the times. The times have never hurt anyone. Those who are hurt are human beings; those by whom they are hurt are also human beings. So, change human beings and the times will be changed. – Saint Augustine (Sermon 311, 8)*

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God our Father

**Deliver us**

God the Son of the Father

**Deliver us**

God the Holy Spirit

**Deliver us**

In these days of trouble, fear, and sorrow

**Deliver us**

From the despair of shattered hopes

**Deliver us**

From the violence that seems to fill the world

**Deliver us**

From those who are planning acts of violence

**Deliver us**

From the history of violence that corrupts our society

**Deliver us**

From the greed, thirst for power, and injustices that perpetuate racism, poverty, and conflict

**Deliver us**

From the temptation to demonize and dehumanize others

**Deliver us**

From the fear that grows into hatred for those who are different from us

**Deliver us**

From the desire for revenge that perpetuates a cycle of violence

**Deliver us**

From all that prevents the flourishing of every human being

**Deliver us**

From our hope in anything other than you

**Deliver us**

God of all that is good, loving, and peaceful, have mercy on our broken world, and bestow healing on your people who cry out to you for deliverance.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**