

Prayer for a Heart that Can Love through Violence

God of Peace and God of Love,

Disarm the hearts of all who promote violence through their words and actions.

And disarm our hearts of the need to punish or prove or be right.

Make our arms ones that wrap around others and comfort, rather than harm.

Make our hearts large enough to send love to every victim of violence, and every perpetrator of violence—all are victims of the brutality of guns.

Make our love strong enough to conquer hate and greed, and motivate us to act.

You can make us whole. You can make our world whole.

Change us, so that the world can be repaired and violence cease.

Amen

Prayer for Resurrection

O Lord,

Death lurks around every corner, and looks us in the face.
Death shatters the silence as bullets fly.
As so many families who have lost children,
Your only Son Jesus was murdered.

Give us strength to say no to weapons.
Disarm the hearts of all who promote violence
through their words and actions.
And disarm our hearts of the need to punish or prove ourselves right.
Make our arms ones that wrap around and comfort, rather than harm.

Your Son Jesus did not let death have the final say,
He rose to new life.
Make our love strong enough to conquer hate and greed, and motivate us
to act.
You can make us whole. You can make our world whole.
Change us, so that the world can be repaired and violence cease.
Amen