This prayer can be read aloud by one person; or the recurring response line, shown in bold, can be used to enable a group/congregation to join in.

God of all comfort,

We remember in humble gratitude all those who have given their lives in war,

And we pray for all who still live with the physical and mental scars of combat.

We pray for places around the world where war is still a daily reality:

Draw near to all who mourn lost loved ones,

And strengthen all who work for peace.

**Lord in your mercy, heal and restore.**

Jesus Christ, friend and companion,

We pray for all who have had to flee their homes because of conflict,

And who find themselves adrift in a land that isn’t home.

We dream of a safer, kinder world:

Where every displaced person will find refuge,

And where communities destroyed by war will thrive again.

**Lord in your mercy, heal and restore.**

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

We lament the way in which war damages this beautiful Earth you have created,

Ravaging landscapes, destroying ecosystems and preventing crops from flourishing.

Brood over the chaos again, we pray:

Bring order and balance,

And birth new life in barren places.

**Lord in your mercy, heal and restore.**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God in perfect unity,

We long for an end to strife:

Strife between nations, and strife in our local communities.

Teach us to pray for peace, to work for peace, to live in peace,

As we look forward to that day you have promised,

When you will cause wars to cease to the ends of the earth.

**Lord in your mercy, heal and restore.**

**Amen.**