A Litany for Peace
To Support those Engaged in the Peace Talks
September, 2010
The Cathedral of St. George the Martyr, Jerusalem

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
**Have mercy upon us.**
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**Have mercy upon us.**
O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
**Grant us your peace.**

Lord, have mercy.
**Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the birth in Bethlehem of the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son; who dwelt among us full of grace and truth.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for his life; his death here in Jerusalem as he carried our sins and suffering, and for his glorious Resurrection in which he gave us new life with him.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for entrusting to us the ministry of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace-making for the healing of your creation.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all victims of bloodshed, violence and persecution and those who are in danger here in this Land -- in Gaza, Israel, Palestine and throughout the world.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who grieve for loved ones who have died in the desperation of violent actions this past week.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who promote violence, that their hearts may be turned to the way of peace.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children and young people that you may fill them with hope for the future.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit upon us; upon all the leaders of the Land of the Holy One; upon President Obama and President Abbas, Prime Minister Netanyahu; upon all those in leadership positions among those who bear arms; upon all the leaders of the United Nations and upon all those in authority in the nations of the world to seek peace and pursue it.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you. You are our only refuge in a troubled world.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord be with you.
**And also with you.**
Let us pray.  *(in unison)*

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to us and the people of all the nations a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that all of your people may use their liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.