

GIVE PEACE IN OUR TIME

Martin Foster

*Refrain



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Verses All to Refrain



(Cantor petitions -----) Give peace in our time, O Lord, (Cantor petitions -----)

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

God Bless the Dispersed People of Syria

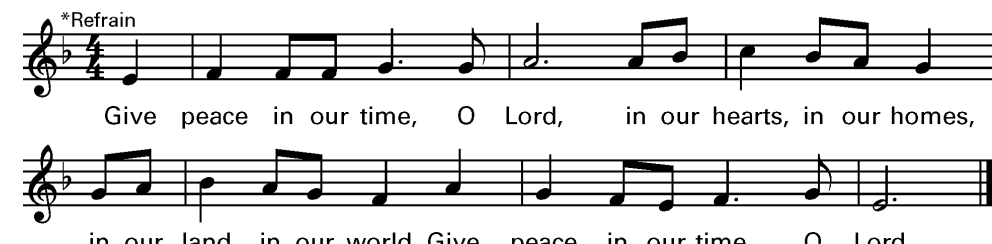
A country of fertile plains, high mountains and deserts, it is home to diverse ethnic and religious groups, including Kurds, Armenians, Assyrians, Christians, Druze, Alawite Shia and Arab Sunnis. Over 6.7 million are refugees.

Since 2011 political power, long held by a small mainly Alawite elite, has been contested in a bitter civil conflict that turned into a complex war involving regional and international powers. Turkey, Russia, the USA and Iran.

Over 570 000 people have died as a result of this war.

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**Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.**

God Bless the People of Yemen

Despite its ancient roots as the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East and Asia, the modern Republic of Yemen is a relatively new state.

It was created after South Yemen merged with the North in 1990, following years of strife, but tensions have never been far below the surface.

During the 2011 protests, President Ali Abdallah Saleh resigned.

In the ensuing turmoil, the Houthis seized much of the north and west of the country, while Saudi-led forces intervened to support the internationally-recognized government based in the south.

By 2015 Yemen had plunged into civil war and a grave humanitarian crisis.

After more than four years of war and a Saudi-led siege, almost 16 million Yemenis face "severe acute food insecurity" - this means one in two Yemenis doesn't have enough to eat.

Over 80 000 people have died, 21000 in this year.

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major and 4/4 time. The first two staves are for the refrain, and the third staff is for the verses. The lyrics are written below the notes. The refrain is marked with an asterisk and the word 'Refrain'. The verses are marked with 'Verses', 'All', and 'to Refrain'. There are dashed lines indicating where a cantor might perform petitions.

**"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

God Bless the People of Afghanistan.

Landlocked and mountainous, Afghanistan's economy and infrastructure are in ruins, and many of its people are refugees.

When civil war ended in 2001, Nato-led foreign combat troops had the main responsibility for maintaining security.

The internationally-recognised government set up following the adoption of a new constitution in 2004 has struggled to extend its authority beyond the capital and to forge national unity

The formal end of Nato's combat mission in December 2014 was followed by an upsurge in Taliban activity.

And just this week, Nine children were killed when a planted roadside bomb exploded as they walked to school in a northeastern province of Afghanistan.

2 million fatalities have occurred with 41 thousand in this past year.

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**"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Prisider: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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