

Prayer in a Time of Violence

In a time of violence,
We turn to you.
Lord of Sorrows,
Who is burdened
With the cries still echoing in Hiroshima,
With the broken bodies of women and girls in the Congo,
With the blood flowing in Syria.
In a time of violence
We gather to mourn and pray
For our communities,
Past and present,
Local and global.
In a time of violence
We commit ourselves
To the difficult work
Of peacemaking
So we may honor
The suffering and pain
Of our sisters and brothers.
O Lord of Sorrows,
Give us the courage
To speak the words
Of peace again and again
So they might flourish
In an arid land.

