***Prayer of Remembrance for Hiroshima and Nagasaki***

(August 6) (August 9)

O God, the Creator of this beautiful planet   
     and all that dwells in it,  
     we now pause to remember the souls   
     of those who perished in the atomic bombings   
     and those who suffer from radiation even now.

We join our hearts and voices together   
     to pray for peace everywhere.

May the deadly power of nuclear arsenals   
     never be unleashed again upon your sacred creation.

May such weapons of mass and indiscriminate annihilations  
  be forever banned and eliminated from the face of the earth.

Forgive our silence, O God,  
and enable your Church to raise its prophetic voices   
to speak against the madness of nuclear pursuits anywhere.

Renew our commitment to be faithful stewards   
     of your beautiful creation   
     and vehicles of peace.

In the name of Christ, our Prince of Peace. Amen.

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