

LITANY OF RESISTANCE

(from Jesus for President)

“Have mercy on Us”

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

All: Have mercy on us.

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

All: Free us from the bondage of sin and death

One: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

All: Hear our prayer. Grant us peace.

One: For the victims of war.

All: Have mercy.

One: Women, men and children.

All: Have mercy.

One: The maimed and the crippled.

All: Have mercy.

One: The abandoned and the homeless.

All: Have mercy.

One: The imprisoned and the tortured.

All: Have mercy.

One: The widowed and the orphaned.

All: Have mercy.

One: The bleeding and the dying.

All: Have mercy.

One: The weary and the desperate.

All: Have mercy.

One: The lost and the forsaken.

All: Have mercy.

One: Oh God, have mercy on us sinners.

All: Forgive us for we know not what we do.



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“Forgive us”

One: For our scorched and blackened earth.
All: Forgive us.

One: For the scandal of billions wasted in war.
All: Forgive us.

One: For our arms makers and arms dealers.
All: Forgive us.

One: For our Caesars and Herods.
All: Forgive us.

One: For the violence that is rooted in our hearts.
All: Forgive us.

One: For the times we turn others into enemies.
All: Forgive us

“Deliver us”

One: Deliver us, O God.
All: Guide our feet in to the war of peace.

One: Hear our prayer.
All: Grant us peace.

One: From the arrogance of power.
All: Deliver us.

One: From the myth of redemptive violence.
All: Deliver us.

One: From the tyranny of greed.
All: Deliver us.

One: From the ugliness of racism.
All: Deliver us.

One: From the cancer of hatred.
All: Deliver us.

One: From the seduction of wealth.
All: Deliver us.

One: From the addiction of control.
All: Deliver us.



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One: From the idolatry of nationalism.

All: Deliver us.

One: From the paralysis of cynicism.

All: Deliver us.

One: From the violence of apathy.

All: Deliver us.

One: From the ghettos of poverty.

All: Deliver us.

One: From the ghettos of wealth.

All: Deliver us.

One: From a lack of imagination.

All: Deliver us.

One: Deliver us, O God.

All: Guide our feet into the way of peace.

“We Will Not Comply”

One: We will not conform the patterns of this world.

All: Let us be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

One: With the help of God's grace.

All: Let us resist evil wherever we find it.

One: With the waging of war.

All: We will not comply.

One: with the legalization of murder.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the slaughter of innocents.

All: We will not comply.

One: With laws that betray human life.

All: We will not comply.

One: with the destruction of community.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the pointing finger and malicious talk.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the idea that happiness must be purchased.

All: We will not comply.



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One: With the ravaging of the earth.

All: We will not comply.

One: With principalities and powers that oppress.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the destruction of peoples.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the raping of women.

All: We will not comply.

One: With governments that kill.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the theology of empire.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the business of militarism.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the hoarding of riches.

All: We will not comply.

One: With the dissemination of fear.

All: We will not comply.

“We Pledge Allegiance”

One: Today we pledge our ultimate allegiance to the kingdom of God.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To a peace not like Rome's.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the gospel of enemy love.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the kingdom of the poor and broken.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To a king who loves his enemies so much he died for them.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the least of these, with whom Christ dwell.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the transnational church that transcends the artificial borders of nations.



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All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the refugee of Nazareth.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the homeless rabbi who had no place to lay his head.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the cross rather than the sword.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the banner of love above any flag.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the one who rules with a towel rather than an iron fist.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the one who rides a donkey rather than a war horse.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the revolution that sets both oppressed and oppressors free.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the way that leads to life.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: To the slaughtered lamb.

All: We pledge allegiance.

One: And together we proclaim his praises, fro the margins of the empire to the centers of wealth and power.

All: Long live the slaughtered Lamb.

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