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Eternal God,

your word reaches all nations and people of this world all over again. You are the origin of all being, Father of all people. Your heart is full of compassion, your name is justice. You show us the way to reconciliation and mercy.

When people despise other people,
 we ask you for the rights of all people.
When people destroy freedom with power,
 we ask you for the strength of your changing love.
When people wound each other,
 we ask you for healing justice.
 Strengthen all efforts
that serve a mutual understanding among nations.
 Do not allow us to play an active role
when hatred and hostility drive people apart.
 Help us to keep peace
as you have made peace with us

Eternal God,

you embrace us with your love and you make us a present of hope. As nations and people of this earth, we want to live together in peace and safety in your world. Give us your strength, your prudence and your truth.

Amen

Thoughts on the Prayer for ONE / HIS WORLD

Every human being is God's creation and has received his dignity.

Based on this faith, I look upon our society, our coexistence and our solidarity. How do we want to live together in our country, in our society? The acknowledgement of everyone's dignity entails the willingness to engage in dialogue and solidarity and a general openness to others. As faithful people feel at home in ONE WORLD, they are citizens of the world.

With his dignity, everyone stands up against lies and bias, against hatred and misanthropy.

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