

## **Litany of Resistance**

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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: O God -- Have mercy on us sinners

All: Forgive us for we know not what we do

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

One: Deliver us, O God

All: Guide our feet into the way 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

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

One: We will not conform to 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  
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

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

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To a peace that is 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 that loves his enemies so much he died for them

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the least of these, with whom Christ dwells

All: We pledge allegiance

One: To the transnational Church that transcends the artificial borders of nations

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, from the margins of the empire to the centers of wealth and power

All: Long Live the Slaughtered Lamb

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