

## **"The Prayer of the Mothers"**

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*God of Life:*

*You who heals the broken hearted, binding up our wounds.*

*Please hear this prayer of mothers.*

*You did not create us to kill each other*

*Nor to live in fear or rage or hatred in your world. You created us so that we allow each other to sustain Your Name in this world:*

*Your name is Life, your name is Peace.*

*For these I weep, my eye sheds water:*

*For our children crying in the night,*

*For parents holding infants, despair and darkness in their hearts.*

*For a gate that is closing – who will rise to open it before the day is gone?*

*With my tears and with my constant prayers, With the tears of all women deeply pained at these harsh times*

*I raise my hands to you in supplication: Please God have mercy on us.*

*Hear our voice that we not despair That we will witness life with each other, That we have mercy one for another,*

*That we share sorrow one with the other, That we hope, together, one for another.*

*Inscribe our lives in the book of Life*

*For Your sake, our God of Life Let us choose Life.*

*For You are Peace, Your world is Peace and all that is Yours is Peace,*

*May this be your will*

*And let us say Amen."*

There must be another way. Join me, and these women, in choosing life.

Shared by Anat Hoffman.