Dear God,

We pray that you imbue the world leaders at the United Nations with patience and guidance as they seek peaceful resolutions to today's challenges. We often think in ways that divide us, emphasizing our differences. Remind us all that we are a part of a world community, one family that regardless of nationality, culture, language, or gender, we are all touched by your grace. And Lord, grant us the courage to transform our local communities, caring for the poor and standing up for the oppressed, so they may be peaceful, loving examples of your compassion. May the world that we shape be a reflection of your kingdom.

Amen