

## **Space 4 Grace**

**Reading and prayer shared for contemplation on**

**1<sup>st</sup> September 2021**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
Let justice and peace embrace our lands,  
Let love and security replace violence and pain,  
Let hands raised in anger and hands ready to strike  
Become hands ready to offer peace.

We dream of a time when fear becomes faith,  
When love and respect walk side by side,  
When all people see the world, as through your eyes:  
And recognise each other as God's own children.  
We pray for a time when the weapons of destruction and the desire for power,  
become dreams of justice, equality and freedom,  
And that these dreams become reality.

May ours be the eyes that see the poverty in our world  
May ours be the ears that hear the cries of your people  
May ours be the hands that work for transformation  
To bring about your Kingdom on the earth.  
Great God of power, this is our prayer. Amen.

## **MICAH 4 : 1-5**

**4** In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised up above the hills.

Peoples shall stream to it,

<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,

and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more;

<sup>4</sup> but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own  
fig trees,

and no one shall make them afraid;  
for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken.

<sup>5</sup> For all the peoples walk,

each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God  
forever and ever.