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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love.
Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one
another in real forgiveness.

By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt out hard hearts and consume the pride and
prejudice which separates us.

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us
together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen
(Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th Cent.)

FOR THE NATION

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Teach us, God of every nation, to see every question of national policy in the light
of our faith, that we may check in ourselves and in others every passion that makes
for war, all ungenerous judgment, all promptings of self-assurance, all
presumptuous claims.

Grant us insight to recognize the needs and aspirations of other nations, and
remove our suspicions and misunderstandings, that we may honor all people in
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(England, 20th Cent., Alt.)

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Look graciously, O Lord, upon this land.

Where it is in pride, subdue it.

Where it is in need, supply it.

Where it is in error, rectify it.

Where it is in default, restore it.

And where it holds to that which is just and compassionate, support it.

Amen

(Church of Pakistan, 20th Cent.)

God of all the ages, in your sight nations rise and fall, and pass through times of
peril.

Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save.

May leaders be led by your wisdom; may they search your will and see it clearly.

If we have turned from your way, reverse our ways and help us to repent.

Give us your light and your truth, let them guide us; through Jesus Christ, who is
Lord of this world, and our Savior. Amen.

(Presbyterian Worshipbook, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)