

## ***A Hymn for Peace***

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4 ("The God of Abraham Praise")

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Another son is killed,  
Another daughter dies  
And loving, waiting homes are filled  
With loved ones' cries.  
As rivers never sleep,  
So wars flow on and on.  
Hang up your harps, sit down and weep  
For those now gone!

We grieve for children lost,  
For hearts too sad to pray;  
We mourn, O Lord, the growing cost  
Of hatred's way.  
And sure as threats increase  
And anger turns to war,  
We pray that we may find a peace  
Worth struggling for.

We know your way, O Lord,  
For all your people here:  
A plowshare from a fighting sword,  
A transformed spear!  
Now comfort those who grieve,  
Be in each saddened home,  
And by your grace may we believe —  
And seek Shalom.  
Psalm 137:1-2 and Isaiah 2:4

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