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O Prince of Peace

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O Prince of Peace, give us the alertness and courage to be peacemakers.

This Advent season of peace, consider your attitudes toward war and its effects. Can war ever be justified in this age of new technologies, drones, and civilian deaths beyond number? Are there alternatives to creeping militarism? How can we help our bishops promote the end to war and its costly preparations? Are Jesus' love and compassion irrelevant when it comes to foreign policy? To love our neighbors means more than to not kill them. Can we embrace our enemies in compassion and love?

-- Sr. Barbara McCracken

[The Monastery of Mount St. Scholastica in Atchison, Kan., is home to 140 Benedictine sisters whose presence has been in the Kansas-Missouri area for the last 150 years. While primarily engaged in education, the sisters also sponsor the Keeler Women's Center; Sophia Center, which houses their spirituality programs; and Maur Hill-Mount Academy and Benedictine College, which they co-sponsor with St. Benedict's Abbey.]

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