

To Live

Side by Side

A PRAYER FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

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Loving God,

*We ask that your spirit touch the peoples of the
Central African Republic.*

*That brother no longer turns against brother.
Nor sister against sister.*

*May your children learn to live side by side:
To forgive*

To reconcile

To build and not tear down.

*Lord, who calls all peacemakers blessed,
Empower all peacemakers inside and outside the
Central African Republic:*

To stand up for the vulnerable

To harbor the refugee

To aid the afflicted

To comfort the frightened

To work and advocate for justice

To say "No more!" to violence.

*Lord, who calls his people to beat their
swords into plowshares,*

Make us all tillers:

*Planting seeds of peace in the
Central African Republic*

And in all nations

Working faithfully for the glorious harvest

That is your justice.

God of all neighbors

Of all states and every region

Beyond nations, above borders:

Come in your peace

Come in your justice

Come in your hope

Come in your love

Come, and do not delay,

Who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen