

**2010 Global Mission Lenten Series**  
**Worship Resources for the Second Week in Lent**  
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SUGGESTED HYMN:

Gather Us In # 532 – ELW

TEXTS:

Psalm 105: 1-15, 42

Luke 13:22-31, 34-35

INVOCATION:

We gather in the name of God,  
creator of the universe,  
source of true humanity,  
mother and father of us all. Amen

We gather in the name of Jesus,  
word made flesh,  
savior of fallen humanity,  
lover of all. Amen

We gather in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
Lord and giver of life,  
midwife of new humanity,  
inspirer of all. Amen

**SUGGESTED PRAYER OF PEACE AMONG THE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM**

You who live without slumber or sleep,  
You who contain all that is in the heavens and the earth,  
You who know all our actions,  
while we grasp but a fraction of your knowledge,  
Guide us to the path of peace through example of your  
prophet Abraham.

Just as Abraham marveled at the stars, the moon, the sun,  
only to see beyond and behind them You,  
So may we look beyond the divisions that turn religions into  
false gods, veiling us from their author,  
veiling us from You.

Just as Abraham hesitated not to offer his son, Isaac (Ishmael),\*  
only to have the bare knife stilled by You,  
So may we whose armies clashed at night on Abraham's land,  
killing countless innocents, victimizing others,  
may we now listen for Your voice,  
and guided by your will,  
be spared of further bloodletting.

In Judaism is the star of David. Let it be a star of peace  
shining through the land of Israel and beyond.  
In Christianity is the shepherd of peace. Let his reign begin  
for all your children called to be his flock;  
from every nation peace their motto be.  
In Islam is the abode of peace. Let it expand and expand  
engulfing all claimants to Abraham's faith - - -  
be they Jews,  
be they Christians,  
and also, in Your mercy,  
be they Muslims.

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\* According to some Muslim traditions, it was Ishmael who was offered as a  
near sacrifice to the God of Abraham.