

Prayer reflecting on the news of the day, April 13, 2018
(inspired by Psalm 2)

Why, O God, do the nations imagine vain things? Why do the leaders of the nations rage?

Look and see how presidents and prime ministers, generals and diplomats, plot and scheme. In their arrogance and pride they think they are the power, they think the fate of the world depends on them.

The situation in Syria and the war of words from various nations' leaders causes us great fear. We confess, O God, that at times we are seduced by their language into believing they do have power. We are quickly scared by their words, quickly our thinking is shaped by the narrative they tell, and so we give them an authority in our lives they should not command.

We claim a loyalty to your Son, Jesus Christ, the ruler of all things. We declare that Jesus is the one before whom every knee will bow. Deepen our loyalty to Jesus, that we might be shaped by the narrative of the One who is the Prince of Peace. Open our ears to hear beyond the false rhetoric of the nations your holy laughter at human arrogance and pride.

God who sets things right, come and set the world right. Turn it upside down so that it might be the right way round. Bring the leaders of nations to their knees in fear and trembling before you, that all the world might rejoice in your reign.

We pray for the transformation of the hearts and minds of the leaders of nations. To you alone we turn, for only in you can we find the hope and peace we need in this time. You, O God, are our only refuge.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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