

Do we turn a blind eye? Paul G. Barnsley

Do we turn a blind eye when we don't want to see
All the hatred there is in this world?
Forget all that has past, call it history, irrelevant,
Say it won't come to pass in our lives?
Yet just closing our mind to the strife and the suffering
Won't remove painful memories
from those who were there;
For God calls us to pray for the peace of the nations
And may even ask some now to take His peace there.

*So Lord on this our day of Remembrance we offer
These prayers for the world and for all whom we know
Whose lives have been changed
by the loss they have suffered;
Send Your Peace, Lord, Shalom, let Your mercy flow.*

When you see yet more news of new wars and destruction,
Catch the violence that mars people's lives,
Don't forget all you've heard, call it distant, irrelevant,
For a time may come when it's in ours.
Lord, we pray that we won't close our eyes to the suffering,
To lives haunted by memories or shattered by grief;
For God calls us to pray for His peace in this nation
And may even ask some now to bring His peace here.

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See Matthew 5:9 and John 14:27