

*In a Time of Waiting*

*All powerful and ever-living God,  
guard our churches, our homes, our schools,  
our hospitals, our factories, and all the places  
where we gather.*

*Deliver us from harm and peril.*

*Protect our land and its people from enemies  
within and*

*Grant an early peace with victory founded upon  
justice.*

*Instill in the hearts and minds of men and  
women everywhere*

*a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good  
will toward all.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*