

# prayer of the Upright People

Blessed Lord,

Long have the peoples of Africa  
Looked upon their sisters and brothers in Burkina Faso  
And called them the Land of the Upright People.  
Mossi, Fulani, Lobi, Bobo and others  
Have long stood together as one nation  
Rich in history and culture and charity.

As we look at this nation now threatened by conflict  
Our hearts shudder  
And we cry out to you.

May peace bless the streets of Ouagadougou  
And kiss the plains of Bam.  
May brother and sister again embrace despite their differences  
So that they may once again stand  
As the Upright People they were meant to be  
A model for us all.

**amen**