

Oseh Shalom

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Giver of peace,
teach us to see ourselves
in the face of the Other,
that we may learn to be
patient with fault
generous with love
sparing with anger.

Help us to understand
that our little lives
are potent with great good,
that we are healers in Your image,
that reaching out in need of You
to others more in need
we find You near.

Give us the grace
simply to be kind.

Then peace must surely come
to dwell among us.

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