

IFFP's Service on Peace

April 6, 2003

Opening Song—"Peace Prayer of St. Francis"

Make me an instrument of peace, O Lord
Make me an instrument of peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon, O Lord
And where despair, Lord, let me sow hope
Make me an instrument of peace.

Where there is doubt, Lord, let me sow faith
Where there is darkness, let me sow light
Where there is sadness, let me sow joy
Make me an instrument of peace.

Make me an instrument of peace, O Lord
Make me an instrument of peace.

Welcome

Interfaith Responsive Reading

Reader: We gather here as an Interfaith Community
To share and celebrate the gift of life together

*All: Some of us gather as the Children of Israel
Some of us gather in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
Some of us gather influenced by each*

Reader: Howsoever we come, and whomsoever we are
May we be moved, In our time together
To experience that sense of Divine presence in each of us
Evoked by our worship together

*All: And to know in the wisdom of our hearts
That deeper unity in which all are one.*

Reading – Jewish Shabbat Prayer

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease,
When a great peace will embrace the whole world.
Then nation will not threaten nation
And humanity will not again know war.

For all who live on earth shall realize
We have not come into being to hate or to destroy,
We have come into being to praise, to labor and to love.
Compassionate One, bless the leaders of all nations
With the power of compassion.

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our creator, we're all family.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be my moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Reflection – Peace

"Ose Shalom"

Ose shalom bimromav
Hu ya-aseh shalom aleynu
V'al kol yisrael, v'imru, imru amen (2x)

Ya-ase shalom, ya-ase shalom
Shalom aleynu, v'al kol yisrael (2x)

Responsive Prayer

We pray for God's people throughout the world, for religious and political leaders; for this gathering and everyone here.

Lord hear our prayers

We pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and the well being of all people

Lord hear our prayers

We pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison

Lord hear our prayers

We pray for all whom seek God or a deeper knowledge of God that they may find Her and be found by Her

Lord hear our prayers

We pray for our beloved ones who have departed from us,

Lord hear our prayers

We pray for all our concerns, all the things we cannot speak we offer silently to God.

Lord hear our prayers.

Announcements

Closing Song—"Down By the Riverside"

Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna lay down my sword and shield
Down by the riverside
And study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more (6x)

Gonna shake hands around the world
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna shake hands around the world
Down by the riverside
And study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more (6x)

Gonna pray for a peaceful world
Down by the riverside
Down by the riverside, down by the riverside.
Gonna pray for a peaceful world
Down by the riverside
And study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more (6x)

Benediction and Charge

All: *May we go out into the world carrying with each of us the love and blessing of this interfaith community*

Reader: May we continue to hold on to what is good and to stand as beacons of light and understanding for all people.

All: *May God's spirit and peace be with us each now and forever*

Reader: May the Lord bless you and keep you and bring you peace.

All: Amen.