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The International Day of Prayer for Peace was first adopted by resolution in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. In 2001, adopted a new resolution, 55/282, declaring 21 September of each year as the International Day of Peace. The intention of the resolution is to have the entire world observe a day of peace and nonviolence.

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#### MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

The Peace Pole Project – Peace poles are four or six-sided obelisk shaped poles decorated with the message and prayer for peace. “May Peace Prevail On Earth” transcends all differences in race, religion and creed. It radiates to heal, purify and unify the hearts of all people.

The planting of peace poles is an expression of our love for all God’s children and wish for global peace and harmony. Through the active support of individuals and organizations the world over, peace poles are continuously being planted as an international symbol of peace. There are more than 250,000 Peace Poles in 180 countries all over the world dedicated as monuments to peace. They serve as constant reminders for us to visualize and pray for world peace.

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# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND PEACE

September 22, 2018

Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland, Ohio

*And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.*

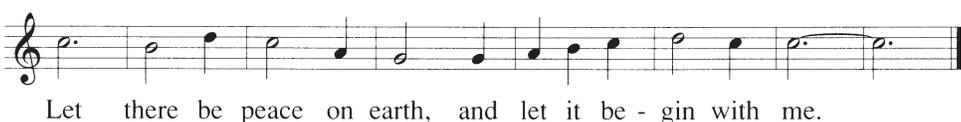
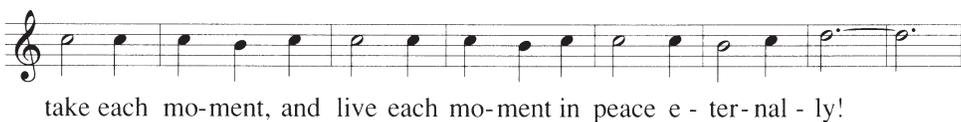
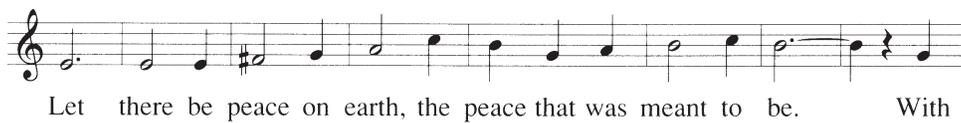
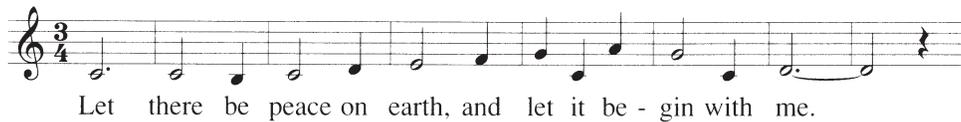
James 3:18

Welcome

Debbie Hunter, Episcopal Peace Fellowship

Opening Hymn: *Let There Be Peace On Earth*

Jill Jackson and Sy Miller



Prayer for Peace - From the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund

**Oh Lord, you love justice and you establish peace on earth.  
We bring before you the disunity of today's world:  
The absurd violence, and the many wars,  
Which are breaking the courage of the peoples around the world;  
Human greed and injustice,  
Which breed hatred and strife.  
Send your spirit and renew the face of the earth;  
Teach us to be compassionate towards all people, made in your image;  
Strengthen the will of all those  
Who fight for justice and peace,  
And give us that peace which the world cannot give.**

**AMEN**

Litany for Peace (from International Prayers for Peace)

We pray to God to eradicate all the violence in the world:  
that understanding triumph over ignorance,  
that generosity triumph over indifference,  
that trust triumph over contempt, and  
that truth triumph over falsehood. *(from Zoroastrian Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.  
Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.  
Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Almighty God, the all-seeing Lord up on high  
who sees even the footprints of an antelope on a rock mass here on Earth.  
Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.  
Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace. *(from Native African Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.  
Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.  
Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Although the people living across the ocean  
surrounding us are all our brothers and sisters,  
why are there constant troubles in this world?  
Why do winds and waves rise in the  
ocean surrounding us? *(from Shinto Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.  
Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.  
Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Come let us go up the mountain of the Lord,  
 that we may walk the paths of the Most High.  
 And we shall beat our swords into ploughshares,  
 and our spears into pruning hooks.  
 Nation shall not lift up sword against nation--  
 neither shall they learn war any more.  
 And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the  
 Lord of Hosts has spoken. *(from Jewish Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Hymn: *We Are Called*

David Haas



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that



joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,



to be light for the king - dom, to  
 to be hope for the hope - less so all  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God!  
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!  
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love!



We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly, we are called to serve one an - oth - er;



to walk hum - bly with God!

In the name of God, the beneficent, the merciful,  
Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us  
And made us into tribes and nations,  
that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other.  
Whether your enemy inclines towards peace, you incline towards peace,  
and trust God, for the Lord is the one that hears and knows all things. *(from Muslim Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS,  
for they shall be known as the Children of God.  
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.  
To those who strike you on the cheek, offer the other also,  
and from those who take away your cloak, do not withhold your coat as well.  
And as you wish that others would do to you, so do to them. *(from Christian Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

God judges us according to our deeds, not the coat that we wear:  
that truth is above everything, but higher still is truthful living.  
Know that we attain God when we love one another,  
and only that victory endures in which no one is defeated. *(from Sikh Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
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**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Peace and Universal Love is the essence of the Gospel  
To all have amity, and to none enmity.  
Know that violence is the root cause of all miseries in the world.  
Violence, in fact, is the knot of bondage.  
“Do not injure any living being.”  
This is the eternal, perennial, and unalterable way of spiritual life.  
A weapon howsoever powerful it may be, can always be superseded by a superior one;  
but no weapon can be superior to non-violence and love. *(from Jainist Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, And  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, And  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-

soled as to con-sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-

stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity.  
Be fair in judgement, and guarded in speech.  
Be a lamp to those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger.  
Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light for the feet of the erring.  
Be a breath of life to the body of humankind, a dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility. *(from Bahai' Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect, and to be kind to each other so that they may grow with peace in mind.  
Let us learn to share all good things that you provide for us on this Earth. *(from Native American Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

May all human beings everywhere suffering in body, mind or spirit quickly be freed from their illnesses.  
May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free.  
May the powerless find power, and may people befriend one another. *(from Buddhist Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Oh God, lead us from violence to peace.  
Oh God, lead us from darkness to light.  
Oh God, lead us from death to immortality.  
Oh Lord God almighty, may there be peace on earth.  
May the waters be appeasing.  
May herbs be wholesome, and may trees and plants bring peace to all.  
May we be your hands to propagate peace all through the world.  
May all things be a source of peace to us.  
And may your peace itself, bestow peace on all. *(from Hindu Prayer for Peace)*

**Lord, you are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call.**  
**Lord, you are the cornerstone of peace.**  
**Lord, strengthen us to create peace.**

Refrain



Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from des -



pair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from



hate to love, from war to peace; let peace fill our

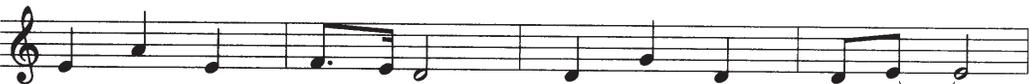


hearts, let peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

Verses



- |                   |                   |               |                  |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1. Still all the  | an - gry cries,   | still all the | an - gry guns,   |
| 2. So man - y     | lone - ly hearts, | so man - y    | bro - ken lives, |
| 3. Let jus - tice | ev - er roll,     | let mer - cy  | fill the earth,  |



still now your	peo - ple die,	earth's sons and	daugh - ters.
long - ing for	love to break	in - to their	dark - ness.
let us be - gin	to grow	in - to your	peo - ple.



Let jus - tice	roll,	let	mer - cy	pour	down,
Come, teach	us	love,	come, teach	us	peace,
We can be	love,	we	can	bring	peace,



come and	teach us	your way	of com - pas - sion.
come and	teach us	your way	of com - pas - sion.
we can	still be	your way	of com - pas - sion.

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## Prayer for Peace

### *Prayer from the World Council of Churches - Decade to Overcome Violence*

God of all goodness, You have been our refuge from generation to generation.

Your will is that peace should shine on all people everywhere. With your spirit, guide the efforts of humankind to bring peace and justice to the nations of the earth, and give strength to rulers and all who work to establish peace and justice in the world.

Inspire those who come together in search of ways to bring about peace, and through your word, change the hearts of all people so that we shall strive for; Peace and not war, the Common good, rather than individual wellbeing, Your Justice, instead of our own glory.

You have given us your peace. Enable us to share that peace with those around us, so that love and harmony may be always present in our lives, that all the world may know happiness, that we may live with dignity as brothers and sisters, and that all may rejoice in your presence. United in diversity, we call upon your infinite grace, humbly asking you to receive our prayer and make us instruments of your peace. **Amen**

### May Peace Prevail on Earth!

We pray for light in the people of North America

May enlightenment be in North America

May light be with us always.

**May peace prevail on Earth.**

We pray for light in the people of South America

May enlightenment be in South America

May light be with us always.

**May peace prevail on Earth.**

We pray for light in the people of Europe

May enlightenment be in Europe

May light be with us always.

**May peace prevail on Earth.**

We pray for light in the people of Africa

May enlightenment be in Africa

May light be with us always.

**May peace prevail on Earth.**

We pray for light in the people of Asia

May enlightenment be in Asia

May light be with us always.

**May peace prevail on Earth.**

We pray for light in the people of Australia

May enlightenment be in Australia

May light be with us all ways.

**May peace prevail on Earth.**

We pray for light in the people of Antarctica

May enlightenment be in Antarctica

May light be with us always.

**May peace prevail on Earth. AMEN**

Prayer from Jamaica (source unknown: sent by Rev. John Carden)

Keep your church free, that it may be the channel through which justice and peace, integrity and wholeness, harmony and goodwill may flow to the dispossessed and the desperate, that your Kingdom may come in all its fulfillment of life and health and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

Closing Prayer

*Travelling the Road of Faith: Worship resources from the Corrymeela Community, Belfast, Northern Ireland.*

**God of compassion and mercy,  
We bring to you our divided society and our broken world,  
Seeking your healing and transforming grace;  
It is easy for us to point the finger at others,  
Yet we know that we all need your forgiveness;  
So we lift into your presence today,  
not only the victims of your conflicts,  
But also those we have called enemies.  
Break down the walls of hatred, distrust and bitterness  
And open a way for us to reach one another  
in truth and love.  
Enable us to build a society where all can belong;  
To share our gifts in mutual respect  
And to seek for the new future which you offer us.  
Through Jesus Christ, Amen.**

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless you with discomfort  
At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships  
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger  
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with tears  
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war,  
So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and  
To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness  
To believe that you can make a difference in the world,  
So that you can do what others claim cannot be done  
To bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

**Amen**

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