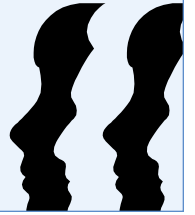




Interfaith Unity Feast

1556 Bell Road - Nashville, TN

We are drops of one ocean, leaves of one tree.



In Search of a Lasting Peace

October 14, 2006

- Welcome - Carol Mansour
- Anthem for the World (multimedia)
- Interfaith Prayers (please see reverse of this page)

Hindu Prayer - Ronur Marali

Christian Prayer - Ann Hall

Muslim Prayer - Saleh Sarheed

Zoroastrian Prayer - Dr. Mohaghegh

- Music

J. J. Kent - Flute

Nandini Kambi - Vocal

- **Presentation: *In Search of a Lasting Peace* — Farsheed Ferdowsi**

In a world filled with violence and uncertainty, where people from all walks of life feel hopeless, world leaders feverishly search in vain for solutions.

At this critical juncture in history, one could reasonably argue that old remedies are no longer effective and it's time for a fundamental paradigm shift. New geo-political approaches should be explored in the pursuit of world peace.

Farsheed Ferdowsi, a native of Iran, and a long-term resident of Nashville, explores the root causes of contemporary world conflicts, offering ideas inspired by spiritual concepts and themes from the Bahá'í Faith that, if implemented, could point the way toward a lasting peace.

- Interfaith Prayers

Native American Prayer - J. J. Kent

Buddhist Prayer - Dr. Win Myint

Jewish Prayer - Deb Hungate

Bahá'í Prayer - Joyce Jackson

- Closing Remarks - Carol Mansour
- Reception



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- **Interfaith Prayers and Holy Writings**

Hindu Prayer

O God, lead us from the unreal to the Real. O God lead us from darkness to light.

O God, lead us from death to immortality. Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all.

O Lord God almighty, May there be peace in celestial regions.

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 all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May your Vedic Law 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, and May that peace come to me also.

Christian Prayer (St. Francis)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Muslim Prayer

In the name of Allah, 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. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, Most Gracious are those who walk on the Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say "PEACE."

Zoroastrian Prayer

We pray to God to eradicate all the misery in the world: that understanding triumph over ignorance, that generosity triumph over indifference, that trust triumph over contempt, and that truth triumph over falsehood.

Native American Prayer

O Great Spirit of our Ancestors, I raise my pipe to you. To your messengers the four winds, and to Mother Earth who provides for your children. 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 the good things that you provide for us on this Earth.

Buddhist Prayer

May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind 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 think of befriending one another. May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wilderness ~ the children, the age, the unprotected ~ be guarded by beneficial celestials, and may they swiftly attain Buddhahood.

Jewish Psalm (Isaiah 2:2-4)

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Bahá'í Prayer

O Thou kind Lord! Thou has created all humanity from the same stock. Thou has decreed that all shall belong to the same household. In Thy Holy Presence they are all Thy servants, and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy Tabernacle; all have gathered together at Thy Table of Bounty; all are illumined through the light of Thy Providence.

O God! Thou art kind to all, Thou has provided for all, conferrest life upon all. Thou has endowed each and all with talents and faculties, and all are submerged in the Ocean of Thy Mercy.

O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one, so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one home. May they all live together in perfect harmony. O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind. O God! Establish the Most Great Peace. Cement Thou, O God, the hearts together.

O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrances of Thy love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Stronghold of Thy Providence.

Thou art the Mighty and Powerful, Thou art the Forgiving, and Thou art the One Who overlooketh the shortcomings of all mankind.