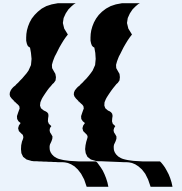


## Interfaith Unity Feast

1556 Bell Road - Nashville, TN

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



### Peace and War

- **Welcome**
- **Song, "One Planet, One People, Please!" (by Dan Seals)**
- **Interfaith Prayers for Peace**

#### **Christian Prayer**

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

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;

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. — **St. Francis of Assisi**

#### **Bahá'í Prayer**

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created 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 are kind to all, Thou hast provided for all, dost shelter all, conferrest life upon all. Thou hast 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 fragrance 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. — **'Abdu'l-Bahá**

#### **Native American Prayer**

Grandfather, Look at our brokenness.

We know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the sacred way.

We know that we are the ones who are divided,

and we are the ones who must come back together,

To walk in the Sacred Way.

Grandfather, Sacred One, teach us love, compassion, and honor

That we may heal the earth, and heal each other. — **Native American Tradition: Ojibway (Canada)**

#### **Hindu Prayer**

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.

Peace. Peace. Peace. — **The Upanishads**

### *Jewish Prayer*

The threat to our salvation is the clash of peoples: Jews and Arabs,  
Offspring of a single father, separated in youth by jealousy,  
In adolescence by fear, in adulthood by power, in old age by habit.  
It is time to break these habits of hate and create new habits:  
Habits of the heart, that will awake within us the causeless love of redemption and peace.  
— *Rabbi Rami M. Shapiro*

- **PowerPoint Presentation: One God (Barbara Streisand)**
- **Holy Writings**

#### *From the Hindu Holy Writings*

The Lord lives in the heart of every creature. He turns them round and round upon the wheel of his Maya. Take refuge utterly in Him. By His grace you will find supreme peace and the state of which is beyond all change. — *Bhagavad Gita 18:61-62*

#### *From the Christian Holy Writings*

For Christ Jesus is our peace, Who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility. ...Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God. — *Ephesians 2*

#### *From the Buddhist Holy Writings*

He brings together those who are divided, he encourages those who are friendly; He is a peacemaker, a lover of peace, impassioned for peace, a speaker of words that make for peace.  
— *Digha Nikaya xiii.75, Teviggā Sutta*

#### *From the Sikhism Holy Writings*

If a man sings of God and hears of Him, and lets love of God sprout within him, all his sorrows shall vanish, and in his mind, God will bestow abiding peace.  
— *Adi Granth, Japuji 5, M.1, p. 2*

#### *From the Bahá'í Holy Writings*

The most important principle of divine philosophy is the oneness of the world of humanity, and the unity of mankind, the bond conjoining East and West, the tie of love which blends human hearts.

Therefore, it is our duty to put forth our greatest efforts and summon all our energies in order that the bonds of unity and accord may be established among mankind. For thousands of years we have had bloodshed and strife. It is enough; it is sufficient. Now is the time to associate together in love and harmony. ...Praise be to God!

— *'Abdu'l-Bahá, Promulgation of Universal Peace*

- **PowerPoint Presentation: War and Peace**
- **Song: "All Around the World We Pray for World Peace"**
- **Closing Remarks**
- **Refreshments**



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