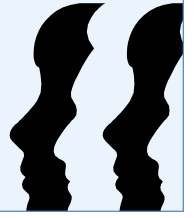




Interfaith Unity Feast

1556 Bell Road - Nashville, TN

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



Service to Others and The Golden Rule Unity Feast Community Award

- Welcome — Aram Ferdowsi
- Interfaith Prayers

Bahá'í Prayer

O Thou kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from the same stock. Thou hast 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 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

Prayer from the Christian Tradition

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,
not so much to be understood as to understand,
not so much 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 awake to eternal life.

— *St. Francis of Assisi*

Prayer from the Buddhist Tradition

With every breath I take today,
I vow to be awake;
And every step I take,
I vow to take with a grateful heart--
So I may see with eyes of love
into the hearts of all I meet,
To ease their burden when I can
And touch them with a smile of peace.

— *Buddhist Prayer*

- **Music: Linda Joseph**
- **Holy Writings**

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbor, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face. Be a treasure to the poor, an admonisher to the rich, an answerer of the cry of the needy, a preserver of the sanctity of thy pledge. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech. Be unjust to no man, and show all meekness to all men. Be as a lamp unto them that walk in darkness, a joy to the sorrowful, a sea for the thirsty, a haven for the distressed, an upholder and defender of the victim of oppression. Let integrity and uprightness distinguish all thine acts. Be a home for the stranger, a balm to the suffering, a tower of strength for the fugitive. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be an ornament to the countenance of truth, a crown to the brow of fidelity, a pillar of the temple of righteousness, a breath of life to the body of mankind, an ensign of the hosts of justice, a luminary above the horizon of virtue, a dew to the soil of the human heart, an ark on the ocean of knowledge, a sun in the heaven of bounty, a gem on the diadem of wisdom, a shining light in the firmament of thy generation, a fruit upon the tree of humility. — *Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings 130*

From the Muslim Holy Writings:

Righteousness is this that one should believe in Allah and the last day and the angels and the Book and the prophets, and give wealth out of love for Him to the near of kin and orphans and the needy and the way-farer and the beggars and for the emancipation of the captives. — *Qur'an 2:177*

From the Hindu Holy Writings

At the beginning, mankind and the obligation of selfless service were created together. "Through selfless service, you will always be fruitful and find the fulfillment of your desires": this is the promise of the Creator. Every selfless act...is born from the eternal, infinite God-head. God is present in every act of service. All life turns on this law. Whoever violates it, indulging his senses for his own pleasure and ignoring the needs of others, has wasted his life. Strive constantly to serve the welfare of the world. Do your work with the welfare of others always in mind. The wise work for the welfare of the world, without thought to themselves. Perform all work carefully, guided by compassion. — *Bhagavad Gita 3.10-26*

From the Christian Holy Writings

Jesus said, "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee? And He answered them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brethren, you did it to me." — *Matthew 25: 35-40*

- **The Golden Rule**

From the Christian Holy Writings

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. — *Luke 6:31*

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

"Blessed is he who preferreth his brother before himself." — *Bahá'u'lláh, Tablets, p. 71*

From the Buddhist Holy Writings

"Hurt not others with that which pains yourself or in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. One should seek for others the happiness one desires for one's self." — *Udana-Yarqa, 5:18*

From the Hindu Holy Writings

"This is the sum of duty: do naught unto others that which would cause pain if done unto you." — *Mahabharata 5:1517*

From the Zoroastrian Holy Writings

"Whatsoever is disagreeable to yourself do not do unto others." — *Shayast-na-Shayast 13:29*

From the Native American Tradition

“Do not kill or injure your neighbor, for it is not him that you injure, you injure yourself. But do good to him, therefore add to his days of happiness as you add to your own. Do not wrong or hate your neighbor, for it is not him that you wrong, you wrong yourself. But love him, for The Great Spirit loves him also as he loves you.”— *Shawnee*

From the Muslim Holy Writings

“Not one of you is a believer until he desires for another that which he desires for himself.”
— *Muhammad, 40 Hadith of an-Nawawi 13*

From the Jewish Holy Writings

“What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. That is the law: all the rest is commentary.”
— *Talmud, Shabbat 31a*

- **Music: Linda Joseph**
- **Unity Feast Award - Honoring Diane Saliba Ault**
- **Closing Prayer**

From the Jewish and Christian Faiths

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
— *Numbers 6:24-27*

- **Closing Remarks**
- **Refreshments**



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