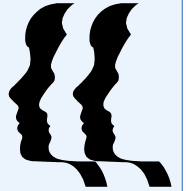


Interfaith Unity Feast

1556 Bell Road - Nashville, TN

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



World Peace

- **Welcome**
- **Interfaith Prayers**

Muslim Prayer - Chanting

Christian Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen — *"The Lord's Prayer" — Matt: 6:9-13*

Bahá'í Prayer

O Thou kind Lord! Thou has 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 has 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*

- **Musical Entertainment**
- **Holy Writings**

From the Jewish Holy Writings

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace. — *Numbers 7: 24-27*
The whole of the Torah is for the purpose of promoting peace. — *Talmud, Gittin 59b*
God is peace, His name is peace, and all is bound together in peace. — *Zohar, Leviticus 10b*

From the Christian Holy Writings

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men! — *Luke 2:14*
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God — *Matthew 5:9*
For Christ Jesus is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility. — *Ephesians 2:14*

From the Buddhist Holy Writings

Just as a deep lake is clear and still, even so, on hearing the teachings and realizing them, the wise become exceedingly peaceful. — *Dhammapada 82*

Victory breeds hatred, for the defeated live in pain. Happily live the peaceful, giving up victory and defeat. — *Dhammapada 201*

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

Today there is no greater glory for man than that of service in the cause of the Most Great Peace. Peace is light, whereas war is darkness. Peace is life; war is death. Peace is guidance; war is error. Peace is the foundation of God; war is a satanic institution. Peace is the illumination of the world of humanity; war is the destroyer of human foundations. When we consider outcomes in the world of existence, we find that peace and fellowship are factors of upbuilding and betterment, whereas war and strife are the causes of destruction and disintegration. In all cycles and ages war has been a factor of derangement and discomfort, whereas peace and brotherhood have brought security and consideration of human interests. This distinction is especially pronounced in the present world conditions, for warfare in former centuries had not attained the degree of savagery and destructiveness which now characterizes it. If two nations were at war in olden times, ten or twenty thousand would be sacrificed, but in this century the destruction of one hundred thousand lives in a day is quite possible. So perfected has the science of killing become and so efficient the means and instruments of its accomplishment that a whole nation can be obliterated in a short time. ...As the instruments and science of war have reached the degree of thoroughness and proficiency, it is hoped that the transformation of the human world is at hand and that in the coming centuries all the energies and inventions of man will be utilized in promoting the interests of peace and brotherhood. — *'Abdu'l-Bahá, The Promulgation of Universal Peace*

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

Through each and every one of the verses which the Pen of the Most High hath revealed, the doors of love and unity have been unlocked and flung open to the face of men. We have erewhile declared — and Our Word is the truth —: “Consort with the followers of all religions in a spirit of friendliness and fellowship.” Whatsoever hath led the children of men to shun one another, and hath caused dissensions and divisions amongst them, hath, through the revelation of these words, been nullified and abolished. From the heaven of God’s Will, and for the purpose of ennobling the world of being and of elevating the minds and souls of men, hath been sent down that which is the most effective instrument for the education of the whole human race. The highest essence and most perfect expression of whatsoever the peoples of old have either said or written hath, through this most potent Revelation, been sent down from the heaven of the Will of the All-Possessing, the Ever-Abiding God.

— *Bahá'u'lláh, Gleanings*

- **Musical Selections**
- **Holy Writings**

From the Zoroastrian Holy Writings

In the reign of Peace, There is Neither cold wind nor hot wind, Neither old age nor death. So Spake the Ahura: My name is Peace; O Holy Zarathustra! My name is the worker of Good, Because I work the good of the creator, Ahura Mazda, And of the Ahuras. My name is “The Strong,” My name is “The Strongest,” my name is “He that unites,” My name is “He that reunites,” My name is “Deliverance,” My name is “Welfare.”

From the Jewish Holy Writings

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: nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. — *Isaiah 2:2-4*

From the Christian Holy Writings

Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? Do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do you more than others? Do not even the publicans so?” — **Matthew 6:43-47**

From the Bahá'í Holy Writings

That all nations should become one in faith and all men as brothers; that the bonds of affection and unity between the sons of men should be strengthened; that diversity of religion should cease, and differences of race be annulled—what harm is there in this? ...Yet so it shall be; these fruitless strifes, these ruinous wars shall pass away, and the “most Great Peace” shall come...” These strifes and this bloodshed and discord must cease, and all men be as one kindred and one family...Let not a man glory in this, that he loves his country; let him rather glory in this, that he loves his kind...” — **Bahá'u'lláh**

- **Music**
- **Closing Remarks and Prayer**
- **Refreshments**



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