

World Peace Day
Interfaith Worship
September 27, 2009
2:00 pm



“Mothers Who Pray for Peace”
Louisiana State Capitol
Senate Chamber

Leader: We gather on this day because of our hope for peace. Our prayers are inspired by mothers who pray for peace and dream of a world at peace. We come together to nurture the pursuit of peace at home, in our neighborhoods, community, and world. We assemble from diverse faith traditions, but are united in our desire for peace. Let us recommit to follow a path of peace.

Leader: We remember children and those of the next generation. Creator of all, teach us peace, so we might teach peace to them.

Response: **Let us be students of peace.**

Leader: We remember people of every country. Help us to see others not as enemies or outsiders, but rather as sisters and brothers.

Response: **Let us tear down walls which separate us.**

Leader: We remember those in positions of leadership in government, in world economics, and in military callings. Help them make decisions with a spirit of justice and mercy.

Response: **Let us encourage our leaders to seek peace with justice.**

Leader: We remember victims of violence and pray for healing.

Response: **Let us be instruments of healing and hope.**

Leader: We remember the challenges of everyday conflicts and disagreements.

Response: **Let us be ones to initiate reconciliation.**

Leader: We ask God to guide, inspire, and bless us in the ways of peace.

Scripture, Prayer, and Lighting of a Candle

(Representatives from each faith tradition will read a verse of scripture, offer a brief prayer, and light a candle for peace.)

Judaism	Sue Cormier, Sara Cormier, Ruth Durlacher
Baha'i	Antoinette Washington, Anesiah Ashras, Jessica Ashras
Buddhism	Kunie Liemkeo, Yuka Liemk, Victoria Smith
Christianity	Linda Reed, Jan Boydston, Brianna Baker
Hinduism	Latika Bharadwaj
Islam	Zainab Haquer, Omayya Jazairli, Khadija Mohammed

In Thanksgiving and Remembrance

Leader: We are thankful for mothers who teach peace as well others who choose to live peace-filled lives such as fathers, grandparents, sisters, and brothers. We are thankful for leaders who call us to live in peace.

Leader: We remember the words of Martin Luther King Jr.

Response: "At the center of non-violence stands the principle of love."

Leader: "I have decided to stick with love."

Response: "Hate is too great a burden to bear."

Leader: We remember the words of Mohandas Gandhi.

Response: "An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind."

- Leader: "Be the change . . ."
- Response:** "... that you want to see in the world."
- Leader: We remember the words of Daisaku Ikeda.
- Response:** "A great revolution in just one single individual . . ."
- Leader: "... will help achieve a change in the destiny of a society. . ."
- Response:** "... and, further, will enable a change in the destiny of humankind."
- Leader: Blessings to all who gather in peace.
- Response:** **Blessings to all who work for peace.**
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Leaders

Rev. Robin McCullough-Bade

Executive Director, Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge

Rev. Dana Krutz

Executive Director, Louisiana Interchurch Conference

World Peace Week Events

Interfaith Dialogue and Dinner

Date Tuesday, Sept 29, 2009 – 6:00 pm

Theme "Peace: Roots and Fruits"

Location St. James Episcopal Church
205 N. Fourth St., Baton Rouge

RSVP 267-5600

Details Sponsored by the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge.

Guests are asked to bring a covered dish(vegetarian and/or dairy dishes only) to share with others.

Forum on Peace

Date Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 – 6:00 pm

Location Southern University, Smith-Brown Memorial Student Union

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