



Opening Remarks and Prayer

Deacon Frank Owens, St. Lawrence the Martyr Catholic Church, Chester

Opening Hymn - Let There Be Peace On Earth

Pastor Kirk Rupprecht, Commonplace Church, Mount Olive

History of International Day of Peace

David Sullivan, Church of the Messiah

From a Distance

Dr. Laura Bassett and the Church of the Messiah Choir

Reflections for Day of Peace

Dr. Ali Chaudry, Islamic Society of Basking Ridge

Deacon Ray Chimileski, St. Luke Catholic Church, Longwood Valley

John Pietrowski, Church of Messiah, Excerpts of JFK Peace Speech 60th Anniversary

Janet Maulbeck, Interweave Executive Director

Local Government Officials

Prayers for Peace - Participating Congregational Leaders

Moment of Silence

Closing Prayer

The Reverend Lorna Erixson, St Marks, Mendham

Closing Hymn—The Peace Choir

EVERYONE led by Percussionist Chuck Wood and Pastor Kirk Rupprecht

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH lyrics
Jill Jackson-Miller and Sy Miller

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be**

**With God as our Father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my Brothers
In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.**

**With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me**



UN Sustainable Goals

History of International Day of Peace

In 1981 the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution creating The International Day of Peace, observed annually on September 21. This day is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access.

On this day, the United Nations Peace Bell is rung at UN headquarters. The bell is cast from coins donated by children from around the world. The inscription on its side reads, “Long live absolute world peace.”

The day is also marked by a minute of silence at noon around the globe. Other activities include peace education events, intercultural and interfaith dialogues, concerts, meditation and prayer, and community events like this one.

Each day we are reminded of wars around the world, terrorist attacks, gun violence, domestic abuse and other horrors. It is good to take time to reflect on this sad part of human nature and pray and act to do what we can to make this a better world for all.

Earlier this month, the following thought was in our prayers at Church of the Messiah: “I ask your prayers for our nation and all nations, for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and marginalized.”

Amen.

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Reflections by Faith Leaders & Local Leaders

Prayers by Congregational Leaders

***FROM A DISTANCE* by Julie Gold Choruses**

After solo- From a distance there is harmony and it echoes through the land,
It's the voice of hope, it's the voice of peace, it's the voice of everyone.

After solo- From a distance we are instruments marching in a common band,
Playing songs of hope, Playing songs of peace, they're the songs of
everyman

God is watching us, God is watching us, God is watching us from a distance.

From a distance you look like my friend even though we are at war

From a distance I just can't comprehend, what all this fighting for

From a distance there is harmony and it echoes through the land,

It's the hope of hope, it's the love of loves, (*short solo*)

It's the hope of hope, it's the love of loves, it's the song of everyman.

And God is watching us, God is watching us, God is watching us from a distance.

Closing Remarks & Prayer

Closing Song - The Peace Choir

All we are saying is give peace a chance



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