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UNITED WE STAND IN PRAYER

Interfaith, Bi-partisan Prayer Vigil for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election
Monday, November 2, 2020 – St. John the Evangelist

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: Hombres Nuevos

Estrillo (Refrain)

Danos un corazón grande para amar.
Danos un corazón fuerte para luchar.

PRAYER:

Merciful Father, Thank you for inviting each of us to join in your work of building the kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Draw us close to you in prayer as we discern your call in our families and communities. Send us forth to encounter all whom you love: those not yet born, those in poverty, those in need of welcome. Inspire us to respond to the call to faithful citizenship, during election season and beyond. Help us to imitate your charity and compassion and to serve as models of loving dialogue. Teach us to treat others with respect, even when we disagree, and seek to share your love and mercy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen
(from "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", 2019; United States Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Padre misericordioso, gracias por invitarnos a cada uno de nosotros a unirnos en tu trabajo de construir el reino del amor, la justicia y la paz. Acérquenos a usted en oración mientras discernimos su llamado en nuestras familias y comunidades. Envíanos al encuentro de todos los que amas: los que aún no han nacido, los que viven en la pobreza, los que necesitan ser acogidos. Inspíranos a responder al llamado a una ciudadanía fiel, durante la temporada de elecciones y más allá. Ayúdanos a imitar tu caridad y compasión y a servir como modelos de diálogo amoroso. Enséñanos a tratar a los demás con respeto, incluso cuando no estemos de acuerdo, y busca compartir tu amor y misericordia. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo nuestro Señor, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

(de "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship", 2019; Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos)

SONG: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Oh, master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

CANCION: HAZME UN INSTRUMENTO DE TU PAZ

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,
donde haya odio, lleve yo tu amor,
donde haya injuria, tu perdón, Señor,
donde haya duda, ponga fe en Ti

Maestro, ayúdame a nunca buscar
el ser consolado si no consolar
ser entendido si no entender
ser amado si no yo ama

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz,
que lleve tu esperanza por doquier
donde haya oscuridad, lleve tu luz,
donde haya pena, tu gozo

Hazme un instrumento de tu paz
Es perdonando que nos das perdón,
Es dando a todos lo que Tú nos das
Y muriendo es que volvemos a nacer

REFLECTION

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Now we will listen to an excerpt from the Appeal for Peace that asks us to help our suffering brothers and sisters. Let us listen and reflect on how we are each called to help our neighbors.

Gathered in Rome, in "the spirit of Assisi", and spiritually united to believers worldwide and to all men and women of good will, we have prayed alongside one another to invoke upon our world the gift of peace. We have called to mind the wounds of humanity, we are united with the silent prayers of so many of our suffering brothers and sisters, all too often nameless and unheard. We now solemnly commit ourselves to make our own and to propose to the leaders of nations and the citizens of the world this Appeal for Peace.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Let us now quiet our minds and open our hearts as we ask:
Lord, what can *I* do to help my neighbor?
Listen quietly for God to answer each of us.

COMMUNAL BLESSING

Now we will conclude our Prayer Vigil of Peace by sending each other forth with a blessing.

Lord, you have just given each of us a way to help our neighbor. Let us now bless these ways by raising our hands over everyone and repeating this blessing:

Lord, Bless our gifts
Lord, Help us share our gifts
Lord, Help us receive gifts from others
Lord, Bless our efforts
Amen

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

CLOSING SONG – Si Yo No Tengo Amor

Estrillo (Refrain)

Si yo no tengo amor
Yo nada soy señor



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Interfaith, Bi-partisan Prayer Vigil for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – Election Day - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

PRAYER:

Let us pray. And pray we must, as grateful citizens of a country we boldly claim to be one nation under God. Pray we must, praising the Lord for a country where freedom of religion is so cherished. Pray we must, conscious of those suffering from Covid, and those wearied front-liners who care for them and all of us. Pray we must that all lives may be protected and respected, in our troubled cities and the police who guard them. In tense world situations where our men and women in uniform keep the peace. For the life of the baby in the womb; for the life of those scheduled to die by execution. For our elders in nursing care and hospice. For our immigrants and refugees. For those lives threatened by religious persecution throughout the world, or by plague, hunger, drugs, human trafficking or war. Pray we must in Thanksgiving, in Thanksgiving, dear God, for democracy. As we ask your wisdom, Almighty Father upon an electorate so eager to perform its duty of faithful citizenship Pray we do, for we dare claim. In God we trust.
- Cardinal Timothy Dolan

Dejanos rezar. Y debemos orar, como ciudadanos agradecidos de un país que audazmente afirmamos ser una nación bajo Dios. Debemos orar, alabando al Señor por un país donde la libertad de religión es tan apreciada. Debemos orar, conscientes de los que sufren de Covid y de los fatigados líderes que se preocupan por ellos y por todos nosotros. Debemos orar para que todas las vidas sean protegidas y respetadas, en nuestras ciudades atribuladas y la policía que las custodia. En situaciones mundiales tensas donde nuestros hombres y mujeres en uniforme mantienen la paz. Por la vida del bebé en el útero; por la vida de los condenados a muerte por ejecución. Para nuestros mayores en cuidados de enfermería y hospicio. Para nuestros inmigrantes y refugiados. Por aquellas vidas amenazadas por la persecución religiosa en todo el mundo, o por la peste, el hambre, las drogas, la trata de personas o la guerra. Oremos que debemos en Acción de Gracias, en Acción de Gracias, querido Dios, por la democracia. Mientras pedimos tu sabiduría, Padre Todopoderoso sobre un electorado tan ansioso por cumplir con su deber de ciudadanía fiel. Oremos que lo hagamos, porque nos atrevemos a reclamar. En Dios confiamos.
- Cardenal Timothy Dolan

SONG – Let There Be Peace On Earth

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
We are family
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry 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

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This evening we will listen to an excerpt from the Appeal for Peace that pertains to war.
Let us listen and reflect on all types of war, including our own battle with forgiving others.

Wars and peace, pandemics and health care, hunger and access to food, global warming and sustainable development, the displacement of populations, the elimination of nuclear threats and the reduction of inequalities: these are not matters that concern individual nations alone. We understand this better nowadays, in a world that is amply connected, yet often lacks a sense of fraternity. All of us are brothers and sisters! Let us pray to the Most High that, after this time of trial, there may no longer be "others", but rather, a great "we", rich in diversity. The time has come to boldly dream anew that peace is possible, that it is necessary, that a world without war is not utopian. This is why we want to say once more: "No more war"!

Let us now quiet our minds and open our hearts as we ask:
Lord, what can *I* do to forgive my neighbor?
Listen quietly for God to answer each of us.

COMMUNAL BLESSING

Now we will conclude our Prayer Vigil of Peace by sending each other forth with a blessing.

Lord, you have just given each of us a way to forgive our neighbor. Let us now bless the way we *forgive our neighbor* by raising our hands over everyone and repeating this blessing:

Lord, Bless us with mercy
Lord, Help us forgive one another
Lord, Help us be forgiven
Lord, Bless our efforts
Amen

Our Father...
Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

CLOSING SONG



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Wednesday, November 4, 2020 – St. John the Evangelist

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

PRAYER

The Building of Our Society (Excerpt)

Lord, you invite us to find you in all things.
As we collaborate as a people
in the building of our society,
May we find you there.
In our principles and laws,
May we find you there.
In our policies and programs,
May we find you there.
In our courts and bureaus,
May we find you there.
In our streets and squares,
May we find you there.
And in our neighbors,
especially those on the margins,
May we find you there.

El Edificio de Nuestra Sociedad

Señor, nos invitas a encontrarte en todas las cosas.
A medida que colaboramos como personas
en la construcción de nuestra sociedad,
Que te encontremos allí.
En nuestros principios y leyes,
Que te encontremos allí.
En nuestras políticas y programas,
Que te encontremos allí.
En nuestros tribunales y oficinas,
Que te encontremos allí.
En nuestras calles y plazas,
Que te encontremos allí.
Y en nuestros vecinos, especialmente los marginados,
Que te encontremos allí.

Lord, fill our hearts with the compassion of saints.
Ordain our minds with wisdom and vision.
Empower our spirits with faith and truth.
Employ our hands to lay a lasting foundation to
bless generations to come.

We make this prayer through Christ, Our Lord.
Amen

- Contemplation and Political Action: An Ignatian
Guide to Civic Engagement.

Llena nuestros corazones con la compasión de
los santos.
Ordena nuestras mentes con sabiduría y visión.
Fortalece nuestro espíritu con fe y verdad.
Empleamos nuestras manos para sentar una
base duradera para bendice a las generaciones
venideras.

Hacemos esta oración por Cristo, Nuestro
Señor.
Amén

- De Contemplación y Acción Política: Una Guía
Ignaciana para El Compromiso Cívico.

SONG – Peace is Flowing Like a River

1. Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the city,
Setting all the captives free.

2. Joy is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the city,
Setting all the captives free.

3. Love is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the city,
Setting all the captives free.

4. Hope is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the city,
Setting all the captives free.

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To all believers, and to men and women of good will, we say: let us become creative artisans of peace, let us build social friendship, let us make our own the culture of dialogue. Honest, persistent and courageous dialogue is the antidote to distrust, division and violence. Dialogue dismantles at the outset the arguments for wars that destroy the fraternity to which our human family is called.

No one can feel exempted from this. All of us have a shared responsibility. All of us need to forgive and to be forgiven. The injustices of the world and of history are not healed by hatred and revenge, but by dialogue and forgiveness.

Let us now quiet our minds and open our hearts as we ask:
Lord, what words do I use to speak to my neighbor?
Listen quietly for God to answer each of us.

COMMUNAL BLESSING

Now we will conclude our Prayer Vigil of Peace by sending each other forth with a blessing.

Lord, you have just given each of us a way to speak to our neighbor. Let us now bless the way we speak to our neighbor by raising our hands over everyone and repeating this blessing:

Lord, Bless us with healing love
Lord, Help us use kind words
Lord, Help us encourage one another
Lord, Bless our efforts
Amen

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Hail Mary...
Glory Be...

CLOSING SONG: They Will Know We Our Christians by Our Love