

Our teens wrote this song with the help of Maria Williams. It was a response to the attack on the Hasidic owned grocery store located in Jersey City.

### **LET THERE BE PEACE**

Chorus:

Let there be peace, let there be peace.  
Peace on earth, peace on earth. (2x)

Peace for all people who live in our world  
Make it a peaceful world.

Chorus

Lift up our hearts for all to see  
Make it a peaceful world.

Chorus

Our light will shine for all to see  
Make it a peaceful world. (3x)Finale

*Reflection by Maria Williams, OPA - OLS parishioner*

Yesterday(6/2/20), we ended our Tuesday Virtual Meeting singing. "We Shall Overcome." As we sang the words, I felt my heart beating faster and my eyes started to fill. My voice stayed strong enough to finish with, "We shall overcome some day."

A peaceful quiet in a moment of silence preceded, for all victims, suffering and murdered people. "Unwontinly slain," as Fr. O'Brien would say! We spoke of the past week's events and many similar instances. Then, came to a conclusion, that there are needs to be addressed. Our support groups can focus on, low stress/peaceful reaction training for various age groups. We have educated ourselves, but some never had a chance to speak peace. Now, make it a peaceful world.

Law enforcement is not easy or stressless. Stop letting the honor and protection be abusive. People do not want to be in prison, beat up or dead. Nor, should we re-act harshly. Peaceful protest works. Doing nothing, is not an option. We saw how police and protestors can kneel together. Lift up your hearts for all to see. A strong willing spirit without prejudice made the difference. Jesus died for us. God knows that we are not perfect. When a crime of this nature happens, it must be dealt with swiftly.

Prejudice is an illness too. Get mental support, be remorseful, have a heart of forgiveness. Then, change should follow. Let your light shine for all to see your renewed spirit.

Peace for all people in our world. Lift up your hearts for all to see that shining light of faith.

Love one another as Jesus loves us. March on, peaceful hearts!

St. Dominic, you received the power sent to us with rosary beads. We need the Rosary, to comfort us and promote more prayer. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

Make it a peaceful world!