

A Just Peace Litany

By Rev. Dr. Sheila Guillaume

One: On this Sunday, we celebrate the United Church of Christ's Just Peace commitment of local congregations

All: who are grounded in hope for our world, and proclaim that 'peace is possible' when rooted in Justice for all.

Sing: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

One: In this moment, let us rejoice on behalf of our being open and affirming to the belief that God, who is creator of all that is,

All: has created us equally in an abiding and everlasting love.

Sing: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

One: As the Body of Christ, we praise you, God, for creating us with a diversity of cultures, racial compositions, genders, languages, nationalities, theological perspectives, and socio-economic levels,

All: help us so that we can better understand the call for humanity to become as one, by joining our spirits together with the Spirit of God.

Sing: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

One: Trusting in your faithfulness, we humbly seek your guidance to have a stronger living relationship with you,

All: being the light which shines amongst your kingdom here on earth as instruments of your peace, now and forevermore.

Sing: Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Prayers of the People

By Rev. Alice Harper-Jones

Merciful, loving and all powerful God we come into your presence with hearts of thanksgiving and praise as we unite for world justice and peace.

We pray for peace among people of various cultural traditions that are different from our own.

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for peace and justice within our communities, our individual nations and throughout the world.

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We pray for the youth around the world. That they will come together to positively enrich their lives, their communities and their countries.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYERS

We pray for global economic and political solutions to situations that will bring peace and justice to all of God's people, created in God's image.

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We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus and for His sake. Amen.