MNY CCM Peace Vigil 2023, Sunday August 6th from 4 - 5 pm

Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary

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| ***4:00 pm***  *Reader 1* | *Gathering prayer*  As we gather, the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement welcomes all those who are present physically at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary and all who are with us online. We gather this hour in the power of the Holy Spirit who invites and calls us as citizens of the world to be peacemakers. As builders of peace, we ask the Spirit to open our eyes, hearts, and minds that we might follow in Jesus’ way of peace, truth, and love. As we stand vigil, we join our hearts with all who experience war, violence, poverty, and injustice. |
| *Reader 2*  *All* | *Scripture Reading*  A reading from the first letter of John Chapter 3: verses 1-3  See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.  ***“May the Lord give us the grace to listen and to live this word that we received”.***  *Reader 2 will say, “Let us take time for silence.”*  *“Instrument” / singing bowl (gong) to call us to quiet time.*  ***-Quiet Time ~12 minutes***  *“Instrument” to call us out of quiet time.* |

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| ***4:15 pm***  *Reader 3*  *4:15 pm*  *cont. Reader 3* | *Prayer*  Let us recall that 78 years ago, the atomic bomb was dropped on the city of Hiroshima, at 8:15 am Monday morning, August 6, 1945 causing the destruction of the city and the death of 140,000 people, leaving survivors with horrible radiation burns and consequent lifetime suffering.  In New York City it was evening time on August 5. We pray, remember, and lament the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. We pray, remember, and lament the death of the children, women and men killed in that moment and in the city of Nagasaki three days later, killing another 74,000 people. We pray and remember all who survived the atomic bombing who faced ongoing suffering and agony.  ***A moment of silence***  We hold present, the countries for whom, at this moment, it is Monday, August 6 at 8:15 in the morning in their time zone and who are also remembering the horror of that moment 78 years ago… We unite in prayer with the countries of Oceania: Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand and Tuvalu.  As we pray with them, let us be present to the problems these countries now face:  The Marshall Islands was used for nuclear tests 66 times from 1946 to 1958 with terrible consequences of death, long-lasting illnesses, and years of displacement from an uninhabitable homeland.  All of these island nations are faced today with sea level rise driven by climate change, which is forcing their populations to migrate. Kiribati, has already relocated many of its citizens to other island nations in Oceania. Mass migration will only increase as global warming continues to drive sea level rise, raising concern for the state of peacefulness worldwide.  Tuvalu and Fiji, with four other island nations, launched the “Port Vila Call for a Just Transition to a Fossil Fuel Free Pacific”, calling for a rapid and just transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, and the strengthening of environmental law. At the current rate of sea level rise, many of these island nations will be uninhabitable in the next century. The displacement of their people will bring with it a loss of language, culture and community.  As we remember the past of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and are mindful of the uncertain future facing these countries, let us pray with them in a moment of silence.  ***A moment of silence*** |

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| *4:15 pm cont.*  *Reader 4*  *All*  *Reader 4 cont.*  *All*  *All*  *All* | *A Prayer for Earth*  We remember these countries and all in our world seeking peace, as we  pray, *A Prayer for Earth from Laudato Si’*: After each stanza, please respond, *“Creator God, strengthen us in the way of Peace”.*  All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  ***Creator God, strengthen us in the way of Peace.***  O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.  Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.  ***Creator God, strengthen us in the way of Peace.***  Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,  to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.  ***Creator God, strengthen us in the way of Peace.***  We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.  ***Creator God, strengthen us in the way of Peace.***  *Reader 4 will say, “Let us take time for silence.”*  *Call to quiet time*  ***-Quiet Time ~10 minutes-***  *Call out of quiet time* |

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| ***4:30 pm*** *Reader 1*  *All*  *Reader 1 cont.*  *All*  *All*  *All*  *All*  *All*  *All*  *Reader 1 cont.*  *All*  *All* | *Litany for Countries at War*  At this 4:30 hour, we pray for all those experiencing violence and war. We remember all the areas of the world experiencing the consequences of nuclear testing. With the Communities of Sant’Egidio in these countries and with all the faithful who seek peace and pursue peace with hope, we remember countries at war and in conflict. We invite you to join in this *Litany for Countries at War*. After reading the names of four countries, I will say, “Let us pray.” Your response is, *“Oh God, instill in us the path to peace”.*  *LIST OF COUNTRIES AT WAR – June 2023*  1. Let us pray for peace in the world  2. For peace in Afghanistan  3. For the end of the widespread violence in Central America and the end of tensions in Nicaragua…..Let us Pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  4. For the end of terrorism in Burkina Faso  5. For peace in western Cameroon  6. For the peace agreements in Colombia  7. For peace in the regions of Kivu and Ituri, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo……Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  8. For the end of tensions in the Korean peninsula  9. For peace in Ethiopia  10. For the end of violence in Haiti  11. For the end of all violence in Iran….Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  12. For peace and the end of all violence in Iraq  13. For the end of tensions between Armenians and Azerbaijanis  14. For stability and peaceful coexistence in Lebanon  15. For peace in Libya….Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  16. For the end of the conflict in Mali  17. For Mexico and the end of violence caused by drug trafficking  18. For Myanmar  19. For the end of the attacks and violence in northern Mozambique…Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  20. For peace and the end of terrorism in Nigeria  21. For peace in the Central African Republic  22. For the region of Casamance in Senegal  23. For peace and the end of all violence in Syria….Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  24. For peace in Somalia  25. For the end of all violence in the United States  26. For the end of violence and clashes in Sudan  27. For the peace agreements in South Sudan….Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  28. For the end of war in Ukraine, that arms may be silenced and the path of dialogue found  29. For peace in Yemen  30. For peace and the end of all violence in the Holy Land  31. For the liberation of all those who were kidnapped in every part of the world…..Let us pray  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  32. For all rulers that they may lead the world on paths of peace and dialogue  33. Lord bless, protect, and strengthen the service of the Community for peace in every part of the world. We pray to you for all workers of peace.  34. We pray to you Lord, for peace in the world, for peace in Ukraine and for the protection of the Community. Protect, welcome, accompany, and bless the poorest, the immigrants, refugees, and the victims of every war. Keep us united to you and to the light of your Resurrection. Let us pray…..  **Oh God, instill in us the path to peace.**  *Reader 1 will say, “Let us take time for silence.”*  *Call to quiet time*  ***-Quiet Time ~9 minutes-***  *Call out of quiet time* |

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| ***4:45 pm***  *Reader 4*  *Reader 2*  *Reader 3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader 3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader 3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader 3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader 3*  *Reader 2*  *Reader 3* | *Prayers shared online or in person.*  *Beatitudes*  *Let us reflect on this Prayer on the Beatitudes:*  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”  Keep us from being preoccupied with money and worldly goods, and with trying to increase them at the expense of justice.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.”  Help us not to be ruthless with one another, and to eliminate the discord and violence that exists in the world around us.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”  Let us not be impatient under our own burdens and unconcerned about the burdens of others.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they shall be filled.”  Make us thirst for you, the fountain of all holiness, and actively spread your influence in our private lives and in society.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”  Grant that we may be quick to forgive and slow to condemn.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.”  Free us from our senses and evil desires, that we may fix our eyes on you.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”  Aid us to make peace in our families, in our country, and in the world.  Lord Jesus, you said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of justice, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.”  Make us willing to suffer for the sake of right rather than to practice injustice; help us to not discriminate against our neighbors and oppress and persecute them.  *Reader 3 will say, “Let us take time for silence.”*  *Call to quiet time*  ***-Quiet Time ~9 minutes-***  *Call out of quiet time* |

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| *Reader 1* | *Ending prayer:*  As we end this vigil hour, we remind ourselves of Pope Francis’ last two encyclicals, Laudato Si’ and Fratelli Tutti which call us to live in solidarity with one another and to see all life as interconnected and related. May we seek that “loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion.” (LS220) May we “….regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it.” (LS229). |