



# CALLED TO ACTION

Session 10: Final Liturgy

living the Faith  
celebrating Prayer  
promoting Justice  
ready to Serve

## Song – Make Me a Chanel of Your Peace

– (Sinead O’Connor)

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.

Chorus:

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 to all men that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Video Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnhhlWOKUeA>

## Song - Be Not Afraid – (Bob Dufford, S.J.)

You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far in safety  
Thought you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
And all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me,  
And I will give you rest.

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,  
You shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
You shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side,  
Know that I am with you through it all.

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me,  
And I will give you rest.

Blessed are your poor,  
For the kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn,  
For one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you  
All because of me,  
Blessed, blessed are you!

Be not afraid.  
I go before you always.  
Come, follow me,  
And I will give you rest.

Video Link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snmwD6d9Xo4>



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## Welcome and Introduction

(The leaders will give a short introduction and welcome everyone to the liturgy that celebrates the experience of addressing a social justice issue.)

## Scripture Reading

*John 15:9-11*

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

(The leader or an appointed person can give a short reflection after the reading.)

## Symbols and Actions

### Symbols

Participants will individually create a symbol using dough or clay, paint, creative writing (e.g. poem) that expresses a moment where God was present for them in the service experience.

### Action

On a reflection card, participants will write an action step they will personally take on, relating it to the service experience and what they have learnt.

Participants will share to the group the symbol and the statement of what they are going to do to change the world.

## Blessing:

(All participants will be called and given a candle)

*Prayer of Blessing* (Read by the Leaders – leaders and others gathered to raise right hand in blessing over the participants)

O God, our Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to redeem and save the world. On the day of Pentecost, at His bidding, You sent the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, that they might proclaim salvation in His Name to all nations. Father, send down Your Holy Spirit upon these your servants and as You commissioned the Apostles Paul and Barnabas, so we ask that You commission them for this mission of proclaiming the Gospel through action.

Protect them from all fear and apprehension.

Keep them strong in body and soul so that they may be light to those still in darkness

and so fulfill Your command to go and make disciples of all nations.

May their service be pleasing in Your sight that they may praise and glorify Your most Holy Name,

together with that of our Lord Jesus Christ

and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



## Closing Prayer

*Lord's Prayer for Justice (Ronald Rolheiser, OMI)*

Our Father...

Who always stands with the weak, the powerless, the poor, the abandoned, the sick, the aged, the very young, the unborn, and those who, by victim of circumstances, bear the heat of the day.

Who art in heaven...

Where everything will be reversed, where the first will be last and the last will be first, but where all will be well and every manner of being will be well.

Hallowed be thy name...

May we always acknowledge your holiness, respecting that your ways are not our ways, your standards are not our standards. May the reverence we give your name put us out of selfishness that prevents us from seeing the pain of our neighbour.

Your kingdom come...

Help us create a world where, beyond our own needs and hurts, we will do justice, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you and each other.

Your will be done...

Open our freedom to let you in so that the complete mutuality that characterizes your life might flow throughout our veins and thus the life that we help generate may radiate your equal love for all and your special love for the poor.

On earth as it is in heaven...

May the work of our hands, the temples and structures we build in this world reflect the temple and the structure of your glory so that the joy, graciousness, tenderness, and justice of heaven will show forth within all of our structures on earth.

Give...

Life and love to us and help us to see always everything as gift.

Us...

The truly plural us. Give not just to our own but to everyone, including those who are very different than the narrow us.

This day...

Not tomorrow. Do not let us push things into some indefinite future so that we can continue to live justified lives in the face of injustice because we can make good excuses for our inactivity.

Our daily bread...

So that each person in the world may have enough food, enough clean water, enough clean air, adequate health care, and sufficient access to education so as to have the sustenance for a healthy life.

And forgive us our trespasses...

Forgive us our blindness towards our neighbour, our self-preoccupation and our selfishness.

As we forgive those who trespass against us...

Help us to forgive those who victimize us. Help us to mellow out in spirit and to not grow bitter.

Lead us not into temptation...

Do not judge us only on whether we have fed the hungry, given clothing to the naked, visited the sick, or tried to mend the systems that victimized the poor. Give us, instead, more days to mend our ways, our selfishness and our systems.

But deliver us from evil...

That is, from the blindness that lets us continue to participate in anonymous systems within which we need not to see who gets less as we get more.

Amen



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