



Many Faiths

One Voice

Shared Hope

Introduction and Welcome

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***Finlandia*, Music by Jean Sibelius, Text by Lloyd Stone**

Performed by Cantus Vocal Ensemble

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.

This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine.

But other hearts in other lands are beating,
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on clover leaf and pine.

But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

Adapted from Mishkan T'Filah for Shabbat

Reverend Albert Gallmon, Jr., Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

It is not we alone who pray;

all things pray.

All things pour forth their souls.

The heavens pray, the earth prays,
every creature and every living thing prays.

In all life, there is longing.

Creation itself is but a longing,
a prayer to the Almighty.

What are the clouds, the rising and the setting of the sun,
the soft radiance of the moon, and the gentleness of the night?

What are the flashes of the human mind
and the storms of the human heart?

They are all prayers - the outpouring of boundless longing for God.

Adapted from Mishkan T'Filah for Shabbat

Reverend Dr. Laurie Pound-Feille, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe, Central Lutheran Church

May this doorway be wide enough
to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden,
thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May this doorway be narrow enough
to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block
to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

May it be, for all who enter,
the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

Rabbi Marcia A. Zimmerman, Temple Israel

You shall love Adonai, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might. Take to heart these instructions in which I charge you this day; impress them upon your children. Recite them when you stay at home and when you rise up, when you are on your way and when you lie down. Bind them as a sign upon your hand and let them serve as a symbol upon your forehead. Inscribe them on the door posts of your house and on your gates.

Romans 5:2-5

Reverend Dr. Paula Northwood, Plymouth Congregational Church

For because of our faith, God has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand. And we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be. We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us. They help us learn to be patient. And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God each time we use it, until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. Amen.

Quran Readings

*Imam Dr. Hamdy El-Sawaf, Islamic Community Center of Minnesota;
Masjid Al-Iman (Mosque of Faith)*

Quran 2:153

O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer.
Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

Quran 2:155, 156, 157

And We will surely test you with something of fear and hunger and a loss of wealth and lives and fruits, but give good tidings to the patient,
Who, when disaster strikes them, say, "Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return." Those are the ones upon whom are blessings from their Lord and mercy. And it is those who are the [rightly] guided.

From Unitarian Universalist O. Eugene Pickett

Reverend Jen Crow, First Universalist Church of Minneapolis

Reverend Dr. David Breeden, First Unitarian Society

For the expanding grandeur of Creation,
worlds known and unknown, galaxies beyond galaxies,
Filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides,
its sunsets and seasons.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises,
its hopes and achievements.

For human community, our common past and future hope,
our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work
for peace and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression.
For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism,
for understanding of views not shared.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,
who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom.

For human liberties and sacred rites:
for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose.
We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,
not by our words but by our deeds. Amen.

Adapted from Mishkan T'Filah for Shabbat

Father John Bauer, Basilica of St. Mary

Reverend Judy Zabel, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

May my life be one link in a chain of goodness.

as I say the prayers of my ancestors,
help me to recall their devotion and faithfulness,
their joy and suffering, which are in every word.

Holiness is my heritage, may I be worthy of it.

May our tradition live in me

And pass from me to generations I shall never know,

Enriched by the truth that I have found

And the good deeds I have done.

So may I fulfill my task on earth and receive the blessing.

And when the service ends and the prayers have ceased,

Help me to bring their spirits into the world in which I live.

May I love God above all, and my neighbor as myself,

And be a living witness to the truth that never changes.

Mi Shebeirach, performed by Temple Israel Clergy

Mi Shebeirach a voteinu
M'kor habrachah l'imoteinu.

מִי שֶׁבֵרַךְ אֲבוֹתֵינוּ
מִקּוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאִמּוֹתֵינוּ.

May the Source of strength who blessed the ones before us
help us find the courage to make our lives a blessing
and let us say, Amen.

Mi Shebeirach imoteinu
M'kor habrachah l'avoteinu.

מִי שֶׁבֵרַךְ אִמּוֹתֵינוּ
מִקּוֹר הַבְּרָכָה לְאֲבוֹתֵינוּ.

Bless those in need of healing with *r'fuah sh'leimah*,
the renewal of body, the renewal of spirit,
and let us say, Amen.

Thank You

Imam Makram Nu'Man El-Amin

Masjid An-Nur (Mosque of the Light)



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