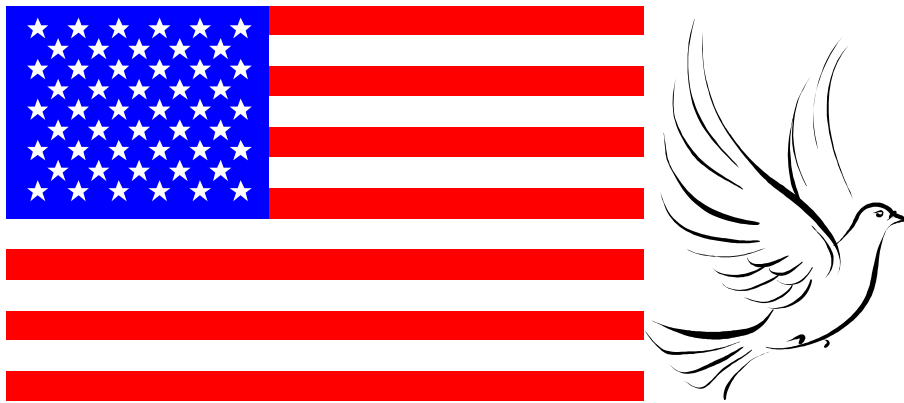


# **United In Prayer, Children of Abraham Stand for Peace**



## **A Vigil Service in Remembrance of the Victims September 11, 2001**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2002 7:30 p.m.  
St. Thomas More Church  
Brotherhood Way, San Francisco**

We gather at St. Thomas More Church with leaders of congregations on Brotherhood Way and representatives of other faith communities.

Gathering Song: *“Open My Eyes”*

1. Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live within you. Deep in your heart, O Love.  
I live within you. Rest now me.

**Welcome: Father Labib Kobti, Pastor of St. Thomas More.**

***Archbishop Franzo King of the African Orthodox Church will offer an opening prayer for peace and remembrance.***

Scripture readings and reflections proclaimed from:

**Judaism:** Congregation Bethel Israel Judea – The Holy Torah – *Rabbi Evan Goodman* offers reflection. A song will be offered.

**Christianity:** Armenian Apostolic Church, *Very Reverend Father Papken Tcharian* proclaims 1 Corinthians 13:1-7/NT. Greek Orthodox Church, *Father Anthony Kosturos* will offer a reflection.

**Islam:** Representative of the Nation of Islam, *Minister Christopher Muhammed* will read from the Holy Koran. An Imam or Sheikh will offer a reflection.

A music selection will be sung by the Choir of the Arab-American Catholic Community and will conclude this portion of the prayer service at St. Thomas More. We will now proceed with the blessing of the candles in preparation for our candlelight march on Brotherhood Way.

**BLESSING OF THE CANDLES – ‘United we stand as children of Abraham’ (To Be Read by All)**

“God of all of us children of Abraham bless us all as we proclaim you as our one God, the most holy and all merciful. Bless us all as we gather together to worship you as our one God. Bless us all as we walk hand in hand, at your service and the service of humanity. Bless us all as we march on Brotherhood Way to celebrate our unity. Bless us all as we stand united as Americans holding these candles. Bless these candle lights as they symbolize the love that we have for our dear country, the United States of America. Bless these candles as they represent our beloved victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Our remembrance and our prayers are for them. As we march together as Americans, bless our candlelight vigil and give us your wisdom to shine as brothers and sisters to each other and around each other. Praised be your Holy Name. Amen.”

We go now, led by a Scout Honor Guard and members of the Clergy along Brotherhood Way. We will pause at our neighboring sanctuaries and institutions. Then, crossing at the end of Brotherhood Way to the north side, we will have prayer of remembrance from Fr. George Jweinat, Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem, our peace prayer by Fr. Nicolas Borzghai, Orthodox Antiochian Church, and a proclamation at the Bufano Statue of Peace. Together we will sing, “Let There Be Peace On Earth.”

**Chants:** 

**The Lord is my light, my light and salvation, in God I trust in God I trust.**

**Bless the Lord, my soul and bless His Holy Name. Bless the Lord my soul, He rescues me from death.**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, When I call answer me.**

**O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer, Come and listen to me.  
Songs:**

***“Let There Be Peace On Earth”***

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we: Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

***“Peace Is Flowing Like A River”***

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free. Love is flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free. Healing’s flowing like a river, flowing out of you and me. Flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free.

***“America The Beautiful”***

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain. For purple mountain majesties, above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern impassioned stress, a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nothingness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood,  
from sea to shining sea.

