

Non-Violence
Prayer Service



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OPENING HYMN:
Servant Song
by Donna Marie McCargill, OSM



What do you want of me, Lord? Where do you want me to serve you?
Where can I sing your praises? I am your song.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

I hear you call my name, Lord, and I am moved within me.
Your Spirit stirs my deepest self. Sing your songs in me.
Jesus, Jesus, you are my Lord. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

Above, below, and around me, before, behind and all through me,
Your Spirit burns deep within me, fire my life with your love.
Jesus, Jesus, be the warmth of my heart. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.

You are the light in my darkness. You are my strength when I'm weary.
You give me sight when I'm blinded. Come, see for me.

[Jesus, Jesus, you are my Light. Jesus, Jesus, you are the way.
I am your song, your servant. Singing Your praise like Mary.
Surrendered to Your Spirit. "Let it be done to me."
Jesus, Jesus, let it be done to me.
Jesus, Jesus, You are the way.]

Short version:

[*Servant Song | D. McCargill \(with lyrics\) | Catholic Church Hymn |
What Do You Want Of Me O Lord - YouTube*](#)

Extra verses in brackets:

[*Catholic Song Servant Song
by Sr Donna Marie McCargill OSM*](#)

PRAYER



In the name of the God of peace,
the nonviolent Jesus,
and the Holy Spirit of Love:

Merciful God, our Father and Mother, you sent your son, Jesus, our brother,
to reveal through his life and teaching, your divine, self-giving love.
He incarnates in our world the power of nonviolence, able to overcome all forms of violence.
Reconcile all humanity in justice and peace and inspire us to follow his example in our lives.

Amen.

READING:

From *Mohandas Gandhi: Essential Writings*



Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of humanity.
It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction
devised by the ingenuity of humanity.
Nonviolence is not passivity in any shape or form.
It is the most active force in the world.
Nonviolence is the supreme law.
Just as one must learn the art of killing in the training for violence,
so one must learn the art of dying.

In the training for nonviolence.
One person who can express nonviolence in life
exercises a force superior to all the forces of brutality.
We are constantly being astonished these days
at the amazing discoveries in the field of violence,
but I maintain that far more undreamt of
and seemingly impossible discoveries
will be made in the field of nonviolence.

My optimism rests on my belief
in the infinite possibility
of the individual to develop nonviolence.
The more you develop it in your own being,
the more infectious it becomes
till it overwhelms your surroundings
and by might over sweep the world.

We have to make truth and nonviolence
not matters for mere individual practice,
but for practice by groups and communities and nations.
That, at any rate, is my dream.
When the practice of nonviolence becomes universal,
God will reign on earth as God reigns in heaven.

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Response: *"Strengthen us, O God."*



That we will be given the courage to embrace nonviolence as a way of life...
"Strengthen us, O God."

Give us eyes to see that evildoers are also victims...
"Strengthen us, O God."

As we practice nonviolence,
let us learn to accept the consequences of our acts,
to suffer without retaliation, and to accept violence,
if necessary, but never inflict it...
"Strengthen us, O God."

Help us to resist violence of the spirit
as well as of the body...
"Strengthen us, O God."

Grant us nonviolent love that gives willingly,
knowing that the return may be hostility...

"Strengthen us, O God."

Give us deep faith that justice will eventually win...

"Strengthen us, O God."

PRAYER



O God, help us to become instruments of a new creation
founded on the covenant your love,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LITANY OF NONVIOLENCE:

The King Philosophy, *Nonviolence 365 @The King Center*



Provident God, aware of my own brokenness,
I ask the gift of courage to identify how and where
I am in need of conversion in order to live in solidarity with all Earth's people.

Deliver me from the violence of superiority and disdain.
Grant me the desire, the humility, to listen with special care to those whose experiences
and attitudes are different from my own.

Deliver me from the violence of greed and privilege.
Grant me the desire, and the will, to live simply
so others may have their just share of Earth's resources.

Deliver me from the silence
that gives consent to abuse, war and evil.

Grant me the desire,
And the courage, to risk speaking
and acting for the common good.

Deliver me from the violence of irreverence, exploitation, and control.
Grant me the desire, and the strength to act responsibly within the cycle of creation.

God of love, mercy, and justice, acknowledging my complicity
in those attitudes, actions, and words, which perpetuate violence,
I beg the grace of a nonviolent heart.

Amen.

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CLOSING PRAYER



May our hearts forgive without limit;
may our love for friends, enemies, and outcasts be without measure,
may my needs be few and my living simple.
May my actions bear witness to the suffering of others.

Amen.

May the God of Peace who loves us infinitely, bless us abundantly.
In the name of the Creator of Peace, the Christ of Peace,
and the Holy Spirit of Peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN:

Open My Eyes
by Jesse Manibusan



Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see your face.
Open my eyes, Lord, help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear your voice.
Open my ears, Lord, help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord, help me to love like you.
Open my heart, Lord, help me to love.

And the first shall be last
And our eyes are opened
And we'll hear like never before
And we'll speak in new ways
And we'll see God's face in places we've never known

I live within you
Deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you
Rest now in me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e06gZAUuQ3E>



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