

A Nine- Day Cycle of Prayer, November 1-9, 2018
Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium IV: *Love Thy Neighbor: Equity in Immigration*
November 10-11, 2018
Trinity Church in the City of Boston

Thank you for praying with other Trinity parishioners for the success of our fourth annual symposium.

The details for organizing your prayer time are here. However, should you need to adjust this order of prayer to best fit your needs, please do so.

May the power of prayer transform both you and those for whom you pray, this day and always.

Prayer Time: at the beginning of each day.

Prayers: Here are the Intentions for each day of the Nine Day Cycle of Prayer.

Day 1, November 1 Pray for Immigrants
Day 2, November 2 Pray for The Committee, ABBS4
Day 3, November 3 Pray for the Reverend Anne Berry Bonnyman
Day 4, November 4 Pray for the Reverend Dr. Carolyn Sharp
Day 5, November 5 Pray for the Reverend Dr. Monrelle Williams
Day 6, November 6 Pray for Ali Noorani
Day 7, November 7 Pray for Jeffrey Thielman
Day 8, November 8 Pray for Andrea Spake
Day 9, November 9 Pray for Attendants, ABBS4

Suggested Method:

Keep silence

Prayer (s) and Reflection for the Intention of the Day

Pray the *Lord's Prayer, Modern Version*

Collect for the Human Family, Book of Common Prayer 1979

Immigrant's Apostle's Creed (See Attachment: Prayers for Each Day)

Personal intentions

All these we pray, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

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Prayers for Each Day

The Lord's Prayer – Modern Version

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

Collect for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Immigrant's Apostle's Creed

**I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home, who fled**

his country with his parents when his life was in danger.

When he returned to his own country he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate, the servant of a foreign power. Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.

But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.

I believe that the Church is the secure home
for foreigners and for all believers.

I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.

I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

I believe that in the Resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.

I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner
but all will be citizens of the kingdom
where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Submitted By: Jose Luis Casal, General Missioner Tres Rios

Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

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**for Anne Berry Bonnyman Symposium IV
November 11-12, 2018**

Day 1: Pray for Immigrants

Psalm 31: 1-9, 15-16, 19-20, 24

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

- 6 I hate those who cling to worthless idols, *
and I put my trust in the LORD.

- 7 I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; *
for you have seen my affliction;
you know my distress.

- 8 You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; *
you have set my feet in an open place.

- 9 Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.

- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."
- 19 How great is your goodness, O LORD!
which you have laid up for those who fear you; *
which you have done in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.
- 20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those
who slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.
- 24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, *
all you who wait for the LORD.

Walls

Man is

**a great wall builder -
the Berlin Wall
the Wailing Wall of Jerusalem -
but the wall
most impregnable
has a moat
flowing with fright
around his heart.**

**A wall without windows
for the spirit
to breeze through**

**A wall without a door
for love to walk in.**

...Oswald Mbuyiseni Mtshali, South African poet

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**Day 2:
Pray for The ABB Symposium Committee**

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

From Multifaith Voices for Peace & Justice

O God of Many Names,
Mystery of all Creation,
Source of Life and Love,
You who teach our spirits to sing,
And our hearts to weep:

We gather to celebrate our oneness, to pray for peace, to stand for love, to light a candle -- in a nation and a world that seem filled with division, violence, hatred and darkness.

RESPONSE: O God, hear our cry.

Nationalism that justifies war and torture, the build up of weapons of mass destruction, bans on Muslims and refugees, cruel immigration policies and the destruction of dreams;

RESPONSE: O God, hear our cry.

Religious hypocrisy that denies the sacred image of God in each and every human being;

Ignorance that denies the real crisis of our planet, that offers weak platitudes rather than wise policies in the face of ecological catastrophe;

RESPONSE: O God, hear our cry.

For all we do, and all we tolerate, that destroys the dreams of our children, of any child, for a chance to live in a just and peaceful world.

RESPONSE: O God, hear our cry.

As people of faith we are called to:

Speak Out

Act Up

Console

Defend

Accompany

Vote

Organize

and yes... pray -- both silently and loudly, in the privacy of our homes, in our houses of worship, and out in the streets.

And very importantly, as people of faith, we must do all of this and more in the name of our faiths, shining a bright light of hope that together, people of all faiths and no particular faith at all, can and will stand up for peace and social justice, and as we unite in that cause, we will grow stronger in love, a love that will be victorious. Amen.

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**Day 3:
Pray for Anne Berry Bonnyman**

Psalm 103, v. 1-9, 15-16, 19-20, 24

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,**

**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

**who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
all you who wait for the Lord.

“...we can pray, and put our prayer into action by raising our voices and votes in support of just policies and humane treatment for our refugee and immigrant sisters and brothers.”

..The Rev. Gay Clark Jennings, President, House of Deputies

To Inez Milholland, by Edna St. Vincent Millay

(Read in Washington, November eighteenth, 1923, at the unveiling of a statue of three leaders in the cause of Equal Rights for Women)

Upon this marble bust that is not I
Lay the round, formal wreath that is not fame;
But in the forum of my silenced cry
Root ye the living tree whose sap is flame.
I, that was proud and valiant, am no more; ---
Save as a dream that wanders wide and late,
Save as a wind that rattles the stout door,
Troubling the ashes in the sheltered grate.
The stone will perish; I shall be twice dust.
Only my standard on a taken hill
Can cheat the mildew and the red-brown rust
And make immortal my adventurous will.
Even now the silk is tugging at the staff:
Take up the song; forget the epitaph.

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**Day 4:
Pray for The Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp**

Malachi 3:5 *English Standard Version (ESV)*

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

From Interfaith Worker Justice

Gracious God, you who guided Naomi and her family to look for bread in Moab, a foreign land, protect the women everywhere who have to leave behind their home or homelands so that they and their families can survive.

May those who are escaping the ravages of war find shelter and sustenance. May the land in which they seek refuge welcome them and treat them with hospitality. May those who are seeking to stop the threats of violence against them find a peaceful and healing place. Help them hold onto their hope for a new beginning. And may those who are fleeing from the famines that starve them and their children find relief from their painful and debilitating hunger. May they find food both for their journey and for their bodies.

You who guided Ruth to go to the Promised Land, grant that, like her, women may be lifted from the fields where they harvest to be part of royal lineage. And grant that we who are the spiritual descendants of those of old who were told that the holiest of trinitities was made of the widow, the orphan and the migrant, be given the courage to see your face, your real presence, in the faces of women who have great need. Amen.

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**Day 5:
Pray for The Rev. Dr. Monrelle Williams**

Hebrews 13:2

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Untitled (This prayer for the immigrant is written by and offered by the students of LASA, Latin American Study Association)

God of Cultures, we pray for the millions of immigrants who are living around the world in countries that may be hostile "strangers." Teach us to look beyond the borders of the nation and city in which we live.

God of the Poor, we pray that immigrant families and especially children who have restricted access to shelter, food, health care, and education would cease to be marginalized by the systems in which they live and instead be treated with dignity. We pray that they would be provided with covering shelter, nourishing food, sustaining health, and a nurturing education.

We pray for those who were born in the United States whose thoughts and actions may be fueled by racist and ethnocentric attitudes towards those who were born elsewhere. We pray for the abolition of individual and institutional racism.

We pray for those who live in constant fear of deportation and separation from their family. We pray that families would be able to remain together.

We pray that you would help us remember that all people possess inherent human dignity as your children, made in your image, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, age, socio-economic status, or legal status; in the undocumented sister and brother, let us see your Spirit, O Lord.

Help us not forget that you were an immigrant; that your family fled to Egypt when you were a child to escape Herod's decree to kill every infant boy.

God, help us see you in the eyes of the migrant and to recognize your presence amongst the oppressed.

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**Day 6:
Pray for Ali Noorani**

A Sabbath Prayer

We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;

For we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbors.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;

For You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice;

For You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;

For You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.

We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;

For You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

*Therefore we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power,
To do instead of just pray,*

To become instead of merely to wish.

.....Jack Riemer, Likrat Shabbat

The largest and the most important migration in the history of Islam is the migration of the Prophet from the city of Mecca to the city of Medina, 280 miles north of Mecca. Because of the significance of this migration, it marked the beginning of the Islamic calendar. It is narrated that the Prophet prayed the following prayer while he migrated: “Lord, you have taken me from the most blessed city. Please, take me to another blessed city.”

. *..Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University*

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**Day 7:
Pray for Jeffrey Thielman**

Immigration Prayer

Creator God,
open our eyes so we can see you in the eyes of our immigrant brothers and sisters,
eyes downcast for having lived so long in the shadows,
eyes challenging us to join them in the streets or picket lines,
eyes lifted looking for the Christ light in us.

Compassionate God, who has come to dwell among us,
open our ears to hear the cries of your children,

children being separated from their parents,
rounded up in raids,
led to detention centers,
silently giving up dreams.

God of Justice, who crosses all boundaries,
give us courage to resist, to say NO

to unfair labor practices,
to unjust laws like SB 1070,
287g contracts.

Give us the strength to stand with and for

your inclusive love,
faith to believe,
another world is necessary and possible.

Let it begin with us.

.....from United Church of Christ

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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**Day 8:
Pray for Andrea Spake**

Spirit of life, immigrant adults and children have traveled far from home with faith, hope and courage. Many have had terrifying and abusive experiences. We ask that they be comforted and blessed with healing and wholeness. May all levels government, faith communities and organizations work with a spirit of compassion and cooperation so that they may receive the best care possible. Allow resources to be released through generous donations for their food, shelter, healthcare and personal needs. May it be so.
..

.....Interfaith Committee for Detained Immigrants

"WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER"

We can be boys and we can be girls
But altogether we'll shine like pearls

We can be black and we can be white
But altogether we'll have the might

We can be short and we can be tall
But altogether we'll never fall

We can be strong and we can be weak
But altogether we'll be unique

We can be poor and we can be rich
But altogether we'll make the switch

We can be fast and we can be slow
But altogether we'll make it flow

We can be right and we can be wrong
But altogether we will be strong!

... by Naiel Ahmed Chaudry, young teenager

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**Day 9:
Pray for Those Attending the Symposium**

Luke 10:30-37

Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ..

Prayer for our Country

Holy One of Blessing, You have taught us that every human being is created in Your image,

that we are called to protect the vulnerable and love the stranger, to house the homeless and feed the hungry, and to work for a world of peace. Let us do all we can to realize those values in our beloved country. As citizens of the United States we are blessed with freedoms unequalled in the history of the Jewish people. Let us honor and use those freedoms of speech and assembly, of consent and dissent, to create a nation in which there truly is liberty and justice for all.

.....by Rabbi Drorah Setel

Prayer for Tolerance

Dear Lord, we who are

divided

unloving

prejudiced at times

inclined to misunderstanding

intolerant

Make us instead

united

loving

open to learning

understanding and forgiving

tolerant

May your Spirit be present in us as you are in all peoples.

By: Education for Justice