

VIBRANT VOICES for PEACE

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Call to Worship

Leader: God ever just, you hear the cry of the poor,
you break the power of the oppressor and set the downtrodden free.
Change inhumanity to compassion,
and let the desires of the affluent yield to the needs of the poor.
Turn our hearts to the way of the gospel,
that peace may triumph over discord and our justice mirror your own.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

PSALM 34

Side 1

I will bless the Lord at all times;
praise shall be always in my mouth.
My soul will glory in the Lord
that the poor may hear and be glad.

Look to God that you may be
radiant with joy and your faces
may not blush for shame.

Learn to savor how good the Lord is;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
Fear the Lord, you holy ones;
nothing is lacking to those who fear God.

Who among you loves life,
takes delight in prosperous days?
Keep your tongue from evil,
your lips from speaking lies.

Side 2

*Magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord, who answered me,
delivered me from all my fears.*

*In my misfortune I called,
the Lord heard and saved me from all distress.
The angel of the Lord, who encamps with them,
delivers all who fear God.*

*The powerful grow poor and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Come, children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

*Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
The Lord has eyes for the just
and ears for their cry.*

The Lord's face is against evildoers
to wipe out their memory from the earth.
When the just cry out, the Lord hears
and rescues them from all distress.

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,
saves those whose spirit is crushed.
The Lord redeems loyal servants;
no one is condemned whose refuge is God.*

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

*As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever,
Amen.*

Reflection & Reading

The Nightmare of Gaza

*Humanitarian workers in Gaza continue their operations in
impossible conditions because there is no other choice.*

by Olga Cherevko

Staff member of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

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Silent Reflection

Intercessions

Our response is: Guide our hearts, Lord!

Closing Prayer

Leader: Go now to denounce violence,
to heal and to console those who are hurting.
Go now and choose love instead of fear.
Go now to bring peace.
Go and be the hands and heart
of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Blessing

Leader: May the God who heals, touch us and our broken world, and bless us
and be with us always.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please join Women of Hope on Tuesday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m. as we continue to pray for peace.

