

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday, March 1st, 2024

"Bear With One Another in Love"
Prepared by the WDP Committee of Palestine



CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Welcome

Leader 1: Welcome to our service; it is so very good to see you here. This year's service has been written by the WDP Committee of Palestine with the Theme, "Bear With One Another in Love". We will sing, "I am glad you are here". While we sing, please greet the people around you.

Song

I'm glad you are here, I'm glad you are here
I want to share my love with you
I'm glad you are here, I'm glad you are here
I want to share my love with you
For we are one (For we are one) For we are one (For we are one)
For we are one in the family of God

Greeting and Call to Worship

Leader1: Salaam, Peace be with you.

All: Salaam, Peace be with you.

Leader2: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Leader 1: The Lord is good.

All: and his mercy forever.

Leader 2: Let us praise his name

All: Alleluia, Amen

Song

God of peace, come among us,
rain down your peace on the world.
Make a path for your goodness,
fill every heart with your peace.

Opening Prayer

Leader 1: God, thank you for bringing us all together.

Thank you for the Palestinians who share their message with us. Help us to stay together, so that all people feel loved and supported.

All: Amen.

Song

Leader 2: "I Urge You" is a song that was composed especially for this World Day of Prayer service. Let us learn to sing together this call to bear with each other in love.

I urge you to be patience
with the calling you received,
Bearing one another
in love and unity

Bible Story

Leader 4: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Thinking about the story

Leader 3: Look at the olive tree picture by Anoush vosguerichian. Do you know what kind of tree this is?

Leader 4: The olive tree is common in Palestine, which is the land where Jesus was born. Olive trees can live for thousands of years, so some of the olive trees in Palestine today were there when Jesus was alive!

Leader 3: Do you see the people holding hands? Why do you think they are holding hands? When do you hold hands with other people? How does it make you feel to hold hands with someone?

Leader 4: When we hold hands, we feel stronger and less alone. When we hold hands, we know that others are with us, and we don't have to be afraid.



Song

Leader 2: We can hold hands while we sing the song that goes with this bible story.

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with the calling you received,
Bearing one another
in love and unity

Thinking about the story

Leader 3: Do you know what it means to “bear with someone”?

Leader 4: To “bear with someone” means to stand with them, even when it is difficult. When we bear with each other during hard times, we feel stronger and less alone.

Bible Story

Leader 1: I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Leader 3: Can you tell a story about when you felt stronger because somebody else was with you?

Song

A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another;
by this shall all know that you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.

Learning about Palestinian Children

Leader 4: We will now listen to the story of Sara. She was only a girl when her grandparents visited her at home in Jerusalem where she lives. “They said, ‘let us show you where we used to live, before we were refugees in Jordan’”.

Leader 3: So they went on a trip to Jaffa. Grandpa told stories about when he was a child. How he used to plant trees with his father. Then they found the old house!

Leader 4: They found the house because Grandpa recognized the trees. Everything had changed except the trees. But sadly the people that now live in the house were shouting and kicking them away from the house.

Leader 3: When they got home Grandma showed Sara the keys of the house. She keeps them with the hope that one day they can return and be welcome.

Leader 4: Many Palestinian children cannot live where they are from. They have been chased from their country and they are still waiting to return.

Leader 2: Now, let's listen to a song from Gaza. This song is called *Ma'qoul*, which means "possible" in Arabic. The song asks this question: Is it possible for the world to become different? Is it possible for the world to have more love? Is it possible for us to stand together, so that no-one feels alone? *Listen to Ma'qoul*

Art Activity/Prayer

Leader 2 We are like branches of an olive tree, rooted in the love of God. We are stronger when we stay together.

(Trace your hands on coloured paper and cut them out.)

Leader 1: Take your paper hand and write or draw a prayer or a name of somebody you want to pray for.

Leader 2: We will sing a song and while we sing the song you can bring your hands and put them here.

Song

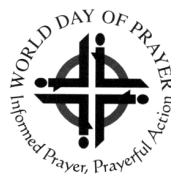
O, Lord hear our prayer. O, Lord hear our prayer,
When I call, answer me
O, Lord hear our prayer. O, Lord hear our prayer
Come and listen to us.

Blessing

Leader 1: God calls us to bear together in love. When we stay together through difficulty, we live the peace that God promises us.

Leader 2: And so, we share the peace of Christ as we say in Arabic: "Salaam" that means "Peace be with you." Let us go now and bring peace.

Leader 1: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord cause His face to shine upon you and grant you peace.



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