

Pray-in at the White House for a ceasefire
November 2, 2023
All Souls' Day

Opening/Welcome

Who we are - Why we are at the White House

- Susan Gunn, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
- Eli McCarthy, Franciscan Action Network

Song "Seek Peace and Pursue It"

- Art Laffin, Dorothy Day Catholic Worker

Invocation/Prayer

"A prayer for peace in Israel and Palestine," written by Rose Marie Berger, Sojourners

- Judy Coode, Pax Christi USA
- Marie Dennis, Pax Christi International's Catholic Nonviolence Initiative
- Sr. Cynthia Serjak, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Pope Francis's statements from October 18 and the October 29 Angelus prayer

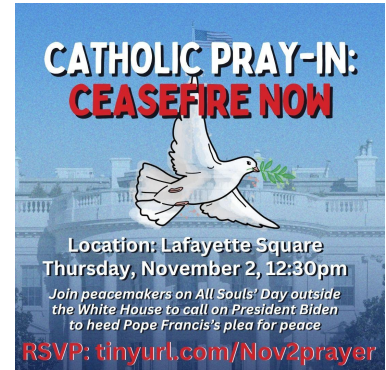
- Frank Panopoulos

Song "Seek Peace and Pursue It"

Gospel reading Luke 6:20-28

- Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, OFM

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets. But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."



Excerpt from “Call to Repentance from Palestinian Christians to Western Church Leaders and Theologians”

- Kim Lamberty, Quixote Center

Song “Seek Peace and Pursue It”

Litany: Remembering the saints and those who have died

- Michele Dunne, Franciscan Action Network
- Bill Frankel-Streit, Little Flower Catholic Worker
- Susan Gunn, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
- Art Laffin, Dorothy Day Catholic Worker
- Dan Moriarty, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Reflections

- Jordan Denari Duffner, Catholic Advisory Council of Churches for Middle East Peace
- Philip Farah, Palestinian Christian Alliance for Peace
- Sr. Susanna Nchubiri, Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

The Lord's Prayer and Hail Mary

Those who are risking arrest process to White House sidewalk

“The Vine and Fig Tree”

And every one 'neath their vine and fig tree
Shall live in peace and unafraid
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And into plowshares turn their swords,
Nations shall learn war no more
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