



# **The Ministry of Reconciliation**

**Welcome and Opening Words:** Rev. Brian D. Blayer, Grace Episcopal Church

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives, We confess to you, Lord.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, We confess to you, Lord.

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves, We confess to you, Lord.

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work, We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, Accept our repentance, Lord.

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority among them; For *Barack*, the President of the United States, for the Congress and the Supreme Court, for the Members and Representatives of the United Nations, for all who serve the common good, that by God's help they may seek justice and truth, and live in peace and concord.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love. Amen.

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body or in mind:  
For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and the oppressed, for the sick, the wounded, and the disabled, for those in loneliness, fear, and anguish, for those who face temptation, doubt, and despair, for the sorrowful and bereaved, for prisoners and captives, and those in mortal danger; That God, in mercy, will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of divine love, and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs. Amen.

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of our misery and need come to you, that we may find your mercy present with us in all our afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve all your children for all of our days.

Amen.

*They will Know We are Christians by Our Love*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that all unity may one day be restored And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, They'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side We will work with each other, we will work side by side And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, They'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

**Greetings and Prayers** from Rev. Dario Pilasi, St. John's Episcopal Church, Flushing

In the aftermath of the tragic events in Orlando on June 12th, we offer these prayers for our Church, our world, and ourselves. Let us join our voices together in faith and solidarity to the God of comfort, justice, and peace saying, "hear our prayer."

We pray for those who lost their lives while seeking after joy, delight, and community. Comfort us in the knowledge that at the end of our earthly journey, life is changed not ended, and that we will dwell in perfect union with the God who knows us by name and finds joy in the whole creation. God of comfort, justice, and peace, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are injured and those who mourn. Heal the broken hearts and broken bodies of your stricken children by the power of your Spirit. In your time, restore to wholeness those who grieve and those whose hope has been stripped away. God of comfort, justice, and peace, hear our prayer.

We pray for victims of gun violence everywhere, and for all those who live in the shadow of fear and oppression. Give us courage to walk in the way of the Prince of Peace, humility to loosen our grip on certitude and self-interest, and a spirit of compromise to find a way forward as one, human family. God of comfort, justice, and peace, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender community in New York and throughout the world. Increase in us the knowledge that every human being is created in God's image, and cherished in the fold of the Good Shepherd. Help us remember that Jesus greatly loved the marginalized and oppressed. Empower us to celebrate the life and the love of every unique member of the human family. God of comfort, justice, and peace, hear our prayer.

We pray for our Muslim brothers and sisters throughout the world during this solemn season of Ramadan. Help us to celebrate our common ancestry as children of Abraham. Where our differences are real, banish fear from our hearts, and help us to affirm all people as our sacred neighbors. God of comfort, justice, peace, hear our prayer.

We pray for all faith groups and gatherings. Unite us in your Spirit, keep our doors open as sanctuaries of refuge and transformation, and bless our individual lives with the knowledge and wonder of your real presence in the creation in which we dwell. God of comfort, justice, and peace, hear our prayer.

God of power and mercy, you hold the universe in your hands, and all that breathes has life from you. We commend to you those killed in Orlando. We thank you that they have been marvelously made in your image, for all the relationships that held them, and for your love to those who will mourn them. We know you are the God of the living, and none will never be lost to you. We pray this to you, O God, whose names are many, whose mystery is beyond our knowing, and whose love endures forever. Amen

*You will be in My Heart (Phil Collins)*

**Greetings and a Selection from John Donne**, By Rev. Lawrence Byrne, All Saints Episcopal Church, Bayside

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bells tolls; it tolls for thee."

It is often suggested that the lines come from Donne's poetry, but they come from a prose work, the *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions, and severall steps in my Sicknes*, written in 1624 while Donne was Dean of St. Paul's.

### Closing Song: *Prayer of St. Francis*

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love. Where there is injury, pardon Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is despair in life, let me bring hope. Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console. To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we received, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Go in peace.

Stanley Almodovar III, age 23  
Amanda Alvear, 25  
Oscar A Aracena-Montero, 26  
Rodolfo Ayala-Ayala, 33  
Antonio Davon Brown, 29  
Darryl Roman Burt II, 29  
Angel L. Candelario-Padro, 28  
Juan Chevez-Martinez, 25  
Luis Daniel Conde, 39  
Cory James Connell, 21  
Tevin Eugene Crosby, 25  
Deonka Deidra Drayton, 32  
Simon Adrian Carrillo Fernandez, 31  
Leroy Valentin Fernandez, 25  
Mercedez Marisol Flores, 26  
Peter O. Gonzalez-Cruz, 22  
Juan Ramon Guerrero, 22  
Paul Terrell Henry, 41  
Frank Hernandez, 27  
Miguel Angel Honorato, 30  
Javier Jorge-Reyes, 40  
Jason Benjamin Josaphat, 19  
Eddie Jamoldroy Justice, 30  
Anthony Luis Laureanodisla, 25  
Christopher Andrew Leinonen, 32  
Alejandro Barrios Martinez, 21

Brenda Lee Marquez McCool, 49  
Gilberto Ramon Silva Menendez, 25  
Kimberly Morris, 37  
Akyra Monet Murray, 18  
Luis Omar Ocasio-Capo, 20  
Geraldo A. Ortiz-Jimenez, 25  
Eric Ivan Ortiz-Rivera, 36  
Joel Rayon Paniagua, 32  
Jean Carlos Mendez Perez, 35  
Enrique L. Rios, Jr., 25  
Jean C. Nives Rodriguez, 27  
Xavier Emmanuel Serrano Rosado, 35  
Christopher Joseph Sanfeliz, 24  
Yilmary Rodriguez Solivan, 24  
Edward Sotomayor Jr., 34  
Shane Evan Tomlinson, 33  
Martin Benitez Torres, 33  
Jonathan Antonio Camuy Vega, 24  
Juan P. Rivera Velazquez, 37  
Luis S. Vielma, 22  
Franky Jimmy Dejesus Velazquez, 50  
Luis Daniel Wilson-Leon, 37  
Jerald Arthur Wright, 31

Shooter: Omar Mateen, age 29



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