

PDT prayers week 2 – Dialogue



Monday 13th November

We all say; O God, come to our aid.

God of all people, open our hearts to understanding other faith traditions. We are all made in your image and seek to know and follow your ways, to praise you, and to be instruments of your Holy presence.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Tuesday 14th November

We all say; O God, come to our aid.

The Lord keep all those whom we love,
whether here or in some other place.
May God be our companion and friend,
as we walk together through all the days
of our lives; and at the journey's end,
may we find the welcome of God's love.

St Joseph – Pray for us



Wednesday 15th November



We all say; O God, come to our aid.

May we respect those who are different from us, who follow a different faith tradition than us. May we seek to know the truth of your Word and find common ground among the many faith traditions and recognise that we share a common humanity. Help us to be people of compassion and understanding, creating a path to a peaceful coexistence among all people. Amen.

St Joseph – Pray for us

Thursday 16th November

We all say; O God, come to our aid.

We pray for people of all faiths and none who have fled from their homes because of war and violent conflict.

We pray for those who have left their own country and who seek refuge and safety in other countries.

We pray for families who are homeless or living in temporary camps. We pray for the nations who enjoy peace and security that their governments and people may respond with compassion, generosity and wisdom.

St Joseph – Pray for us

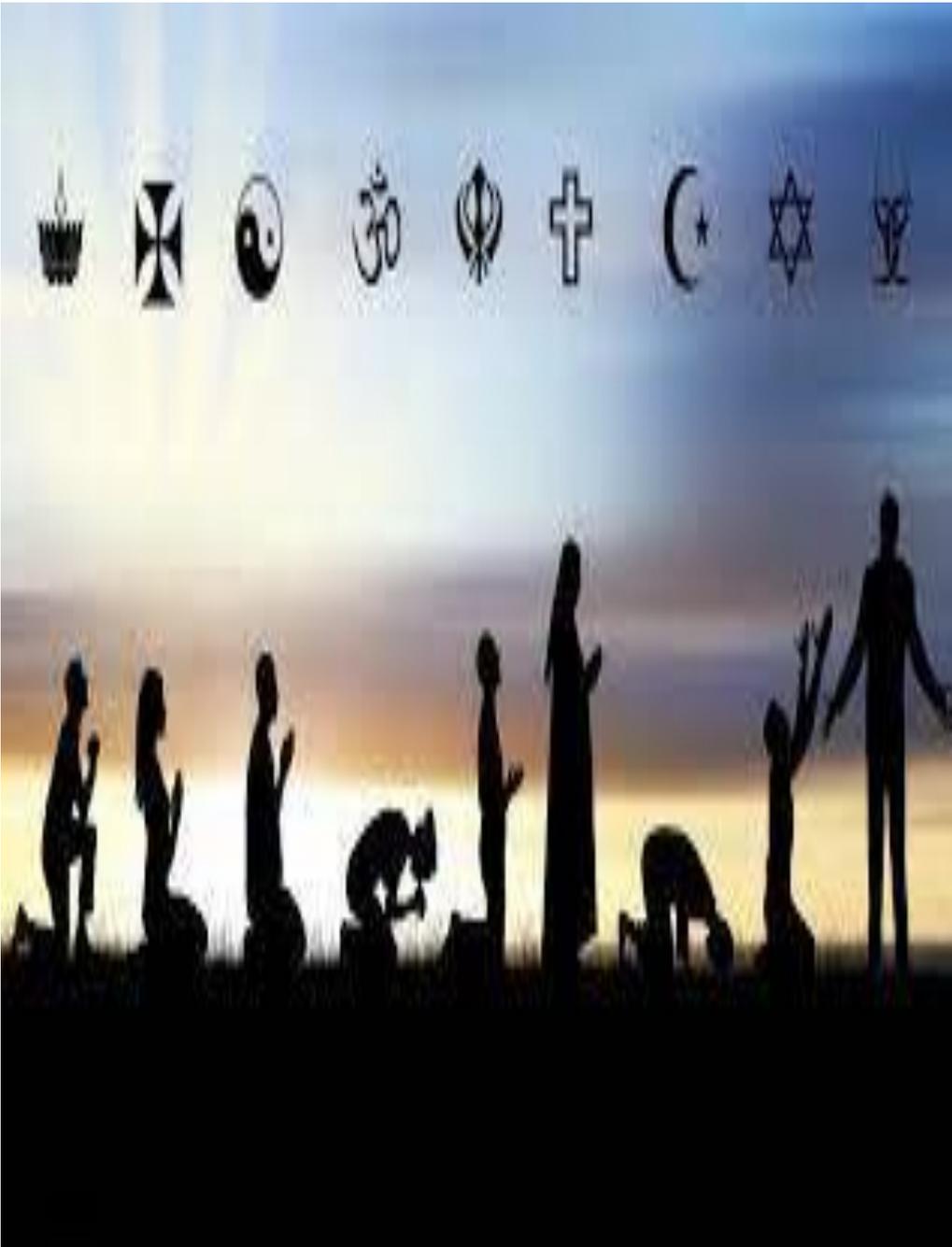


The Friday message



Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment, you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.



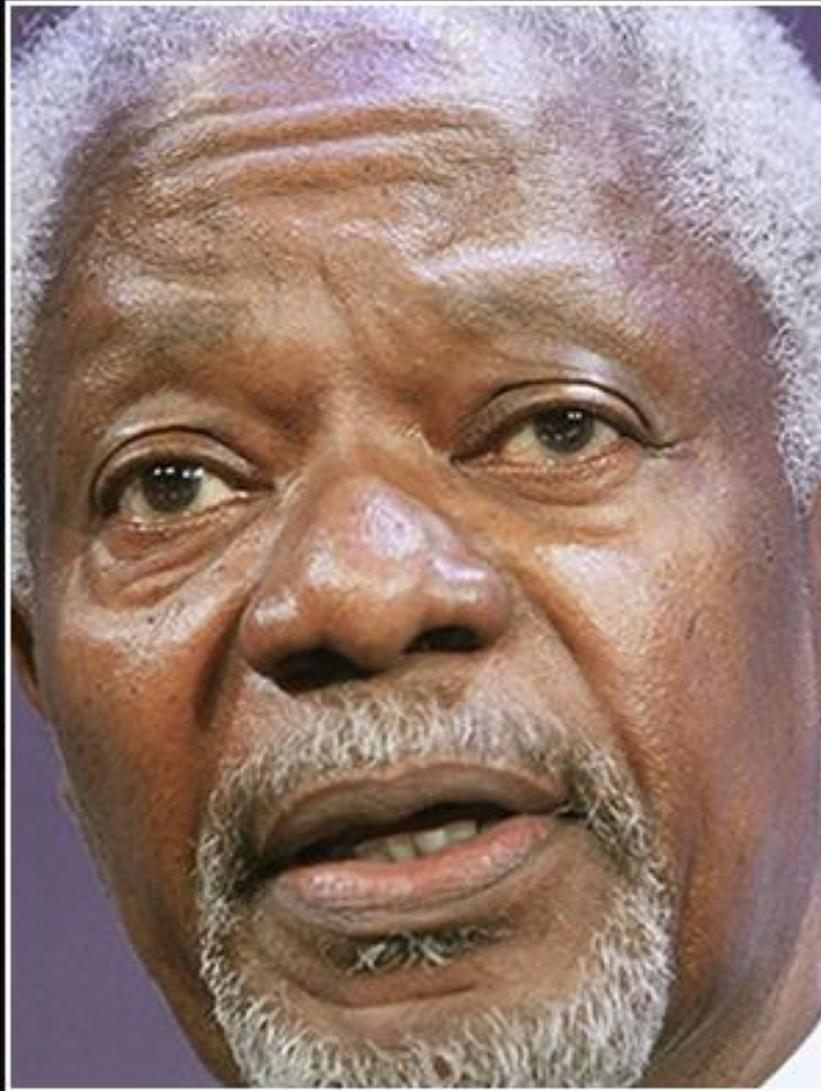
Many of us tend to think our way of doing things is the only way to do something. It may be hard for us to accept those who follow different religious practices or who worship in ways different from what we are accustomed to.

But, when we engage in dialogue to understand the customs, behaviours, and beliefs of others, we can begin to let go of the differences that may have kept us apart or made us fearful and intolerant of the other. It takes courage to be open-minded and not feel threatened by the beliefs of others. We can feel challenged when we are confronted with questions about our way of doing things. We can feel uncomfortable also with the questions others have of our religious beliefs.

As Jesus says in the Gospel passage we have just heard, do not judge others.

Rather than judging, let us try and listen, to understand and be more accepting of others and their religious customs and beliefs.

Final thought...



We may have different religions,
different languages, different
colored skin, but we all belong to
one human race.

— *Kofi Annan* —

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