

SONG

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Congregation

Verse 1

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my sisters in perfect harmony.

Verse 2

Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

A: Let us witness to our trust in God.

People: I believe in one God, in three persons:

I believe in the Father, who made all things, including me. He makes the sun rise on the just and the unjust; he guards and guides all things that he has made. He so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

I believe in Jesus Christ, who lived a human life like mine, with all its joys and sorrows. He died to pay my debt, and rose to give me life. He lives with the Father, and will return to judge the world.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, who gives me faith, who helps me know and do God's will, who unites me with God's people on earth and in heaven. The Holy Trinity is my Lord and my hope.

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Fill Us with Your Love - A Meditation

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“Jesu, Jesu”

WOV 765

A: Please join me in this prayer for the poor and neglected

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Ken Medema

Milton Scott, Rick Strine, Matt Philips (guitar)

(This song is sung from the eyes of a child in great need. His crying out is universal. Ken Medema, who is blind, cries out “Can you see me, can you hear me, can you feel me.” Sense the pain of all crying out in need).

A: Please join me in this Prayer for the poor and needy

Lord God, you came to give honor to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged. You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood, and undervalued. You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute. Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries. Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance. Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need. Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them. You came for the least, the lost and last of this world. Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

Reader:

Give generously to the poor and do so without a grudging heart, then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore, I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land. — Deuteronomy 15:10-11

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