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The Annual Inter-Faith Peace Service

**Wednesday 18th October 2023 in the Banquet
Room, Leeds Civic Hall, and on Zoom**

**Welcome to the Annual Inter-Faith Peace Service, which has
been organised by Concord in conjunction with Peacelink.**

**We are very grateful to the Lord Mayor (Councillor Al
Garthwaite) and her consort (Alderwoman Angela Gabriel)
for their support. Thank you for your attendance.**

**We hope you will show your appreciation by giving a
donation to the Lord's Mayor's Charity Appeal, which this
year is for The Women's Counselling and Therapy Service
(WCTS), which offers free, professional long-
term psychological support to women in
Leeds to access the help they need.**



There will be buckets at the exit for donations, or
you can donate online to the Lord Mayor's Charity
through www.justgiving.com/lmca or send a
cheque payable to 'The Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal'
to: The Lord Mayor's Office, 1st Floor West, Civic
Hall, Leeds, LS1 1UR. (Please mention Concord if
donating online or by cheque.)

Order of Service

Music will be played and images projected by Leeds Brahma Kumaris before the service begins.

1. Welcome by John Summerwill, Co-Chair of Concord, and silence.
2. John Summerwill introduces the Lord Mayor, Cllr Al Garthwaite
3. Brief address by the Lord Mayor,

Thank you so much for inviting me to speak to you here this evening. I am delighted to be here to help promote peace, a topic that is very close to my heart.

Leeds Concord Interfaith Fellowship was in 1976 one of the first interfaith groups to be established in Britain. This Peace Service has been its main annual event almost from the beginning. We are thrilled to host it in the Civic Hall.

Leeds has a long history of peace-making, peace people and peace action, with buildings, organisations and individuals associated with peace through the ages. Many of you will have seen the Leeds Peace Trail map and leaflet, researched and designed by members of Together for Peace and the Peace Museum, with support from Leeds City Council.

I am proud to be one of 5,000 Mayors for Peace throughout the world.

Tonight's Peace Service is supported by Leeds City Council Peacelink Group. This organises other peace events, like the Olaf Palme peace lecture with Leeds Beckett University, and the commemoration of Hiroshima-Nagasaki in August I was honoured to attend.

I have also visited Garforth and saw the World Peace Flame Garden there. I was very impressed indeed by the work of the group who tend the flame and work

with schools and the community to promote peace and international understanding.

In Leeds, we are fortunate to have many beautiful churches, chapels, meeting halls, mosques, synagogues, gurdwaras and mandirs. Concord organises a Walk of Friendship visiting places of worship, enabling people to learn about similarities as well as differences and to establish friendships among different faiths.

Leeds is proud to be a diverse multi-ethnic, multicultural city. Meeting, talking, cooperating with each other breaks down barriers and removes misunderstandings, strengthening community. Leeds is a City of Sanctuary, welcoming asylum seekers and refugees fleeing from conflict and oppression. In September, I visited Ukraine (in a personal capacity) to further the twinning between Leeds and Kharkiv. I saw and heard for myself the terrible toll that the war has taken on the country and its people, and am glad that we in Leeds have been able to offer sanctuary to some of its citizens.

We all need peace, for our countries and our own wellbeing. My charity, Leeds Women's Counselling, works with women and girls to overcome trauma that disrupts their peace of mind, and brings light out of darkness.

I am delighted to see representatives from Leeds' different religions in the city lighting candles for peace. All the candles will be lit from the World Peace Flame.

4. Lord Mayor says: I invite you now to join with me in saying a prayer of thanksgiving. It is on page 3 of your booklet. Please say the words that are in bold print.

5. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
(Join in the words in **bold print**, if you like.)

We are grateful to be in a universe in which stars are born and over time will die, giving forth the elements of everything.

We are grateful to be on a planet orbiting a star just close enough that water can course over land in oceans, rivers, and streams.

We are grateful to be in a climate where rainfall and sunlight both are delivered in just the right measures for plants to grow.

We are grateful for food and shelter, for all the comforts of life, for medical care, cures for diseases, and support in times of weakness and need.

We are grateful to be members of a species that against all odds has developed the means to understand who and what we are.

We are grateful to be members of a society that grants us the freedom in which we may dream of the things that we might become.

We are grateful to be among others whom we love and who love us and support us, helping us to find meaning and purpose in life.

We are grateful for the faith traditions that have nurtured our spirituality and for the insights we have learned from other faith traditions than our own.

We are grateful to be in a country and society that is at peace but, first among all of our blessings, we are grateful to be.

Based on a prayer by Dan Blinn in The Humanist, Nov-Dec 2016

5. Sue Owen briefly speaks about The World Peace Flame ®

World Peace Flame

Thank you Lord Mayor and thank you Concord for once again organising this very special service for peace for the benefit of us all.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to our Lord Mayor who is very supportive of the possibility of a Central Leeds WPF Monument.

We are as delighted as ever to be here with the WPF and as most of you know our city is home to England's first WPF Monument in Garforth. Its simple message "one flame uniting people worldwide in peace" gives hope to all.

We have enjoyed another busy year with our schools and community sharing the message of peace and embarking on a new, special school project, the Coronation Peace Tree Project. This has seen our six schools all plant a native Coronation Peace Tree along with commemorative plaque to honour our new Monarch King Charles III, within their school grounds. Our schools are also underway with an indoor eco-Coronation Peace Tree. The children have created leaves of peace, all with individual statements ranging from welcoming our new King to peace, harmony, kindness and so much more.

Our children who are here this evening, from Strawberry Fields Primary School, have completed and have on display their wonderful eco-peace tree as a focus for peace and harmony in their lovely school and we are thrilled to have them

here tonight. We believe they will inspire you.

Our children have also undertaken to plant sustainable trees as part of the project. We continue to be inspired and uplifted by our young peacemakers of the future as we interact with them on various projects based around peace. They have now, collectively, created the Garforth Schools' World Peace Trail, the Garforth Schools' Peace Flag and are now focusing on indoor eco-Coronation Peace Trees. In July they were part of the first Peace Cake Bake off and raised money for three charities as well as creating beautiful delicious cakes and buns with a theme of peace.

Shortly we will have the pleasure of preparing for the 6th Annual Peace Lantern Walk, in Remembrance Week, where our children and community will honour the peace that was created, whilst still honouring this special time, by making their own peace lanterns and walking the peace trail, this is on Friday 10th November at 6.30 p.m.

We are truly honoured to continue with the message of peace through this simple special flame and in particular with our children who are indeed our future peacemakers and I am inspired each day by each and every one of them to know our future is in very good hands, thank you children and thank you to everyone here for all that you do for peace.

Om Shante



6. Presentation by Strawberry Fields Primary School, Garforth.

Harry Saxby, Charlie Greenhill,
Frankie Simmonds, Isaac Chew, Lola
Young Meredith Chinhoi

Ladies and gentlemen, and friends of all ages, thank you for inviting us to speak at the Concord Peace Event. We are a group of children from Strawberry Fields Primary School, in Garforth.

We want to talk to you about something really important to us: PEACE. Peace is like a big puzzle, and every one of us holds a piece to make our community, our world, a better place. Today, we'll tell you about peace right here in our community as well as peace in the wider world. We will also tell you how peace connects to the plight of refugees, something which has, in recent years, been close to our heart in Garforth.



So, let's start with peace in our local community. When we think about peace here, it's like a garden of kindness. It means being nice to our neighbours, classmates, and even the people we meet every day. It's about sharing, helping, and making sure everyone feels safe and happy. When we have peace in our community, we can play in the park, walk to school, and make friends without being scared or worried. It's like having a big, friendly family right where we live.

In our community, in Garforth, we have something very special which helps us to spread peace and hope among our community; the Garforth World Peace Flame. With Sue and Fi's help, we have a

focus for joining together in peace. At Strawberry Fields, we have been lucky to be involved in many of the projects led by Sue and Fi who inspire us with Gandhi's message 'Be the change you want to see in the world.' We want to live in a world where peace, hope, joy and love exists and, through the peace flame, we work hard to achieve this.

Together with the schools across Garforth, we have enjoyed a number of peace flame projects.

Each year, we are invited to take part in the annual peace flame lantern walk, joining with members of the local community to walk to our peace flame housed in the Jubilee Garden in Garforth.

We have painted peace stones, which can be seen at various stations along the Garforth peace trail. We are lucky enough to have one such station positioned at the front of Strawberry Fields Primary School.

We have baked cakes for the Peace Flame Bake Off, held in our local hall.

Sue and Fi also invited us to enter the 'Peace Flag' competition, designing a flag to represent our school on a community peace flag. The flags were displayed in our local village hall, during a community event, and members of our local community were invited to vote for their winner from each school. The chosen flags from each school were combined to create a community peace flag

In a recent 'Coronation Peace Tree' project, we produced leaves with what peace means to us written on them. We gathered with

children from the other schools in Garforth and exchanged our leaves, which were taken back to each school and placed on a peace tree display. Alongside the display of Coronation Peace Tree leaves, we were gifted a tree, planted within our grounds, by the Garforth World Peace Flame. We were delighted that the Lord Mayor of Leeds joined us for a tree dedication where all in our school community gathered and shared reflections on peace.

You will have heard us use the word 'community' a lot. Community is important to us as a school, and building peace in our community is something we strive for. But peace isn't just about our neighbourhood. It's also about the whole wide world. Imagine our world as a giant playground with lots of countries. Sometimes these countries don't get along, and they argue or fight. That's not good. Peace in the wider world means countries talking instead of fighting, helping each other out, and being friends. It's like when we solve problems with our friends by talking and understanding each other, but on a much bigger scale.

Sometimes, in some countries, there are really big problems, like wars and natural disasters. People living there have to leave their homes because it is no longer safe for them to live there. These refugees are scared, worried and helpless. They don't have a place to stay, and they need help from other countries to be safe and start a new life.

This is where we come in. Our local community can be like a warm, welcoming hug for refugees. When our community is peaceful and caring, we can open our hearts

and help refugees who come here. We can share our homes, our food, and our friendship. We can help them feel safe and show them that there's hope, even in tough times. Out of the darkness we can bring light. In recent years, Garforth has become that warm, welcoming hug to refugees who were homed in our local community. Our peace flame in Garforth has shone brighter than ever as a beacon of love, peace and hope. As a school, we welcomed many Afghan refugee families who came to live, learn, smile and play alongside us, and it was the most wonderful experience which allowed us to open our community to others as a shelter of peace and harmony.

Imagine if we all helped refugees, and if all countries talked instead of fighting. What would our world look like? It would be a world full of smiles, laughter, and love. It would be a world where everyone, no matter where they come from, can live in safety.

So, let's remember that peace isn't just a word. It's something we can make happen, right here in our community and across the world. We can be the peace-makers by being kind to our neighbours, in our local community and by helping refugees, from our global community, standing up for what is right and what is just.

In our hands, we hold the pieces of the peace puzzle. Let's put them together and create a world that's full of love, understanding, and hope. Together, we can make our world a better, more peaceful place for everyone. This is what we strive for at Strawberry Fields, with the peace flame providing that beacon of light and hope.

7. The lighting of candles by representatives of the Faith Communities in Leeds:

Bahá'í	Isla Akbari
Brahma Kumaris	Valerie Bowker
Buddhist	John Websdale
Christian	Norah Gibson
Hindu	Helly Suthar
Jewish	Rachel Weston
Muslim	Alif Rizqullah Mahdi
Pagan	Ross Burgham
Quaker	Martin Schweiger
Sikh	Manroop Kaur Bambhrah & Harjas Kaur



The Lord Mayor's Consort lights a candle on behalf of all of the people of Leeds

8. Moment of quietness, with lights turned down
9. All join together in saying this prayer, led by John Summerwill.

PRAYER FOR COMMITMENT

In the spirit of love and compassion, let us pray.

Spirit of Life, gods of many names,

be in our hearts and minds as we come together today to pray for our world.

We come as people of privilege, grateful for this blessing, and hopeful for our future.

Let us know that each from our own tradition comes today to lift our spirit in unity.

Knowing that we are part of an interconnected web of life,

let us acknowledge and embrace our oneness.

We pray that we may be loving and able stewards of this world.

We pray that we acknowledge our differences as we seek out our common ground,

each of us working toward the good of all.

We recognize that there is hurt and sorrow, deeds that confound us, and actions for which we can find no justification.

Yet we also know that there is untold good in those who work every day for the benefit of all people. Let us stand with them.

We pray that while we recognize the occasional tiredness in our bones and in our hearts,

that we call upon the strength of our higher power that we might be the best person that we are called to be.

Let us be the good we want to see in others. Let us work to be the change that we seek.

As we renew these goals in our hearts, let us say, Amen.

Claudene (Deane) Oliva (adapted)

10. Readings from the Faith Traditions

Bahá'í - Jumeirah Akbari

O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy great purpose. May they follow Thy commandments and abide in Thy law. Help them, O God, in their endeavor, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God! Leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Thy knowledge, and cheer their hearts by Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord.

Bahá'u'lláh

Brahma Kumaris - Susan Balmforth

There is an ancient memory in all of us, and a deep longing in the soul to return to a time when love not hate, peace not war prevailed in the world.

Now ... in this moment ... I choose to remember ... I use the power of my thoughts to make an inner journey and go deep within myself until I come to a place of pure silence and peace.

In this place of silence ... this place of peace ... I reconnect and awaken to my eternal truth ... I remember who and what I truly am A being of light ... of love ... of peace.... I am the eternal soul within this body of mine... I am a tiny spark of conscient spiritual energy ...

In this awareness of myself as a soul ... I allow myself to float upwards into an Ocean of Golden Red Light ... gentle waves of perfect love and perfect peace wash over me ... clean me ... replenish and restore me to my original essence and beauty... I shine like a diamond I sparkle like a star...

I feel free ... empowered ... healed... I continue to absorb these waves of perfect Love and Peace from the Supreme Soul, the Mother and Father of all souls ... and I become an instrument to share and radiate God's love and peace with all my brothers and sisters ... so a world of Love and Peace can once again return.

Om Shanti

Buddhist – John Websdale

May all sentient beings have happiness and the causes of happiness

May all sentient beings be free from suffering and the causes of suffering

May all sentient beings abide in equanimity, free from attachment for friends and hatred for enemies

However many sick people there are suffering in body and mind in all directions, due to my merit may they obtain an ocean of happiness and joy

May the naked obtain clothing

The hungry obtain food

The thirsty obtain water and delicious drinks

May the destitute obtain wealth

May the wretched with sorrow find joy

May the depressed be comforted and attain perfect steadfastness

May the frightened be fearless

May those bound be released

May the weak be strong and their mind be mutually friendly

I happily rejoice in the virtue of all sentient beings which relieves the suffering of all miserable states of existence

May those who suffer dwell in happiness

May I be the medicine and the physician for the sick, may I be there nurse until there illness never recurs

With showers of food and drink may overcome the afflictions of hunger and thirst, may I become food and drink during times of famine

May I be an inexhaustible treasury for the destitute, with various forms of assistance may I remain in there presence

May I be a lamp for those who seek light, a bed for those who seek rest and may I be a servant for all beings who desire a servant

To all sentient beings may I be a wish fulfilling gem, a vase of good fortune, an efficacious mantra, a great medicine, a

wish fulfilling tree and a wish fulfilling cow

May those lost and anxious in desolate places and the like, those intoxicated with sleep and the insane be watched over by the gods

For as long as space endures and for as long sentient beings remain, for that long may I abide and eliminate the sufferings of all migrating beings

Excerpts from the Bodhicarayavata

Christian - Norah Gibson

In his sermon on the mount Jesus said: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.'

He went on to say: "You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth". But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends his rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love only those who love you, what reward do you have? (New Revised Standard Version)

Hindu - Hema Yadav

Hindu Prayer for World Peace Day 2023

"In the joy of others lies our own.

In the progress of others rests our own.

In the good of others abides our own.

Know this to be the key to peace and happiness"

- *Pramukh Swami Maharaj, Bhagwan Swaminarayan's fifth spiritual successor.*

Asatoma Sad-Gamaya

Tamaso Maa Jyotir-Gamaya

Mrytyor-Maa Amritam Gamaya

Aum. Shanti Shanti Shanti. (Aum Peace, peace, peace)

Dear God

Lead us from illusion to reality.

Lead us from darkness to light.

Lead us from death to immortality.

(Ancient universal prayer, Brihadaranyaka Upanishads, 1.3.28)

Hari aum dyouhou shānti-rantariksha-gushāntiḥi prethivī,

Shantir āpaha shānti rokhadhayaha shāntiḥi;

Vanaspatayaha shāntir, vishve devāhā, shāntir Brahma

shānti sarvagun, shāntiḥi shāntirev shāntiḥi sāmā,

shāntiredhi

Aum. Shanti Shanti Shanti

May the heavens be peaceful.

May space and the sky be peaceful.

May peace spread over the entire Earth and pervade the waters.

May peace glow in all herbs and vegetation.

May there be peace in the Absolute.

May there be peace everywhere and always –

Peace and nothing but peace.

May peace grow within in us.

Aum. Shanti Shanti Shanti. (Aum Peace, peace, peace)

(Peace Prayer from The Yajur Veda, an ancient Vedic Sanskrit mantras and verses)

Jewish - Cantor Rachel Weston

חב טאהעג דיא טלאָוו
וסאָג יד דיא ופּאַלעג דיא טלאָוו
מלוש וגירשעג דיא טלאָוו
מלוש מלוש מלוש

(Yiddish) Volt ikh gehat koyekh,
Volt ikh gelofn in di gasn,
Volt ikh geshrign sholem,
Sholem, Sholem, Sholem.

If my voice were louder,
If my body stronger,
I would tear through the streets,
Shouting Peace, Peace, Peace.

Muslim - Ustadh Adam Aslam

In the example and word of the prophet Muhammad is an example who said :
A true believer (mumin) is he from whom people's lives and wealth are safe."
Alongside reminding the community of this quality of the faithful one , one of his earliest teachings post migration in Madina was;

To “ spread peace, feed the hungry, and pray at night when people are sleeping and you will enter Paradise in peace.”
(Sunan Ibn Majah)

Abu Umamah reported that he heard the prophet say :

“Verily, the best of the people to Allah are those who spread Salam (greetings of God conscious peace) .” (Sunan Abu Dawud 5197)

The Qu’ran reminds us also :The servants of The Compassionate are those who walk upon the earth in humility. When the ignorant address them, they say, “Peace”.
(25:63)

Narrated Mother Aisha :The Prophet (PBUH) said, “The most hated person in the sight of Allah is the most quarrelsome person.” (Sahih Bukhari)

Abu Huraira narrates indeed the prophet said : “You will not enter Paradise until you believe and you will not believe until you love each other. Shall I show you something that, if you did, you would love

each other? Spread peace among yourselves.” (Sahih Bukhari)

For he often supplicated and said :
I seek the forgiveness of Allah (three times) . O Allah, You are Peace and from You comes peace . Blessed are You , O Owner of majesty and honor.
(Sahih Muslim)

Pagan - Emma Burgham

In times of hostility and strife, we come together as a people,
As a people, we must pray for peace;
Lord and Lady, may there be peace.
In times of hostility and strife, we come together in our communities,
As communities, we must pray for peace;
Lord and Lady, may there be peace.
In times of hostility and strife, we come together in our families,
As families, we must pray for peace;
Lord and Lady, may there be peace.
In times of hostility and strife, we find ourselves as individuals,
As individuals, we must pray for peace;
Lord and Lady, may there be peace.
As a people, as communities, as families, as individuals, we must pray for peace;
Lord and Lady, bring us peace.

*Adapted from A Pagan Ritual Prayer
Book by Ceisiwr Serith*

Quaker - Martin Schweiger

Our principle is, and our practices have always been, to seek peace, and ensue it, and to follow after righteousness and the knowledge of God, seeking the good and welfare, and doing that which tends to the peace of all. All bloody principles and practices we do utterly deny, with all outward wars, and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatsoever, and this is our testimony to the whole world. That spirit of Christ by

which we are guided is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil, and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for the kingdoms of this world. And as for the kingdoms of this world, we cannot covet them, much less can we fight for them, but we do earnestly desire and wait, that by the word of God's power and its effectual operation in the hearts of men the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdoms of the Lord and of his Christ, that he might rule and reign in men by his spirit and truth, that thereby all people, out of all different judgments and professions might be brought into love and unity with God and one with another, and that they might all come to witness the prophet's words, who said, 'Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more'. (Is 2:4; Mic 4:3)

*Declaration to Charles II, 1660
Quaker Faith & Practice*

Sikh - Gurmukh Singh Deagon

This Stanza for World Peace was written by Guru Amar Das Ji.

The third Guru of the Sikhs
It appears in Guru Granth Sahib Ji on
Ang (Page) 853 in Rag Bilavel.

ਸਲੋਕ ਮਃ ੩ ॥

Shalok, Third Mehl:

ਜਗਤੁ ਜਲੰਦਾ ਰਖਿ ਲੈ ਆਪਣੀ ਕਿਰਪਾ ਧਾਰਿ
॥

The world is going up in flames -
shower it with Your Mercy, and
save it!

ਜਿਤੁ ਦੁਆਰੈ ਉਬਰੈ ਤਿਤੈ ਲੈਹੁ ਉਬਾਰਿ ॥

Save it, and deliver it, by whatever
method it takes.

ਸਤਿਗੁਰਿ ਸੁਖੁ ਵੇਖਾਲਿਆ ਸਚਾ ਸਬਦੁ ਬੀਚਾਰਿ
॥

The True Guru has shown the way to
peace, contemplating the True
Word of the

Shabad.

ਨਾਨਕ ਅਵਰੁ ਨ ਸੁਝਈ ਹਰਿ ਬਿਨੁ ਬਖਸਣਹਾਰੁ
॥ 1 ॥

Nanak knows no other than the Lord,
the Forgiving Lord. | | | |

Sikh Prayer ends with these words.

Nanak Nam Chardi Kala Tera Bhanah
Sarbat the Balah.

Which literally means Guru Ji Blessings
for Everyone,

or May Everyone Prosper

End with Traditional Sikh Greeting.

Wahi Guru Ji Ka Khalsa Waheguru Ji
Ke Fateh

II. Musical contribution by the
United Hebrew Congregation
Choir, director Phil Cammerman,
with Rabbi Chazan Albie Chait.

'Lo Teida Milchama': (we should
know no more wars)

Composed by Umberto Continielo;

Lyrics by Talma Alyafon-Roz

Beautiful land of my fathers
That is in between the sun and the
sea,

A land flowing with milk and
honey.

So why can't it be peaceful?

It will be my land until I die.

We hope there will come a time

When we shall know no more war
in our land.

12. Prayer

- All stand to read 'Called to Peace', led by the Chair

(Please join in saying the words in bold print.)

You have called us to peace, for
You are Peace itself.

May we have the vision to
see that each of us, in some
measure,

can help to realise these aims;
Where there is ignorance and
superstition,

**Let there be enlightenment
and knowledge.**

Where there is prejudice and
hatred,

**Let there be acceptance and
love.**

Where there is fear and
suspicion,

**Let there be confidence and
trust.**

Where there is tyranny and
oppression,

**Let there be freedom and
justice.**

Where there is poverty and
disease,

**Let there be prosperity and
health.**

Where there is strife and
discord,

**Let there be harmony and
peace.**

(Adapted from Jewish texts and readings in Gates of Prayer. New York: Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1975.)

13. Chair's final comments

14. *Please join in the final blessing:*
**May I become at all times,
both now and forever
a protection for those without
protection,
a guide for those who have
lost their way,
a ship for those with oceans to
cross,
a bridge for those with rivers
to cross,
a sanctuary for those in
danger,
a lamp for those without light,
a place of refuge for those who
lack shelter
and a servant to all in need.**

Tenzin Gyatso

*Please greet those around you with
words of peace:*

**Shalom, salaam, shanti, peace
be with you.**

Please donate to the Lord
Mayor's Charity on your way
out.

Would all who have organised,
spoken, sung or lit candles please
wait at the end until we've taken a
group photo.

*Special thanks to Jay Anderson
for hosting the Zoom meeting; to
Manish Patel, Susan Balmforth
and Valerie Bowker of the
Brahma Kumaris for background
music and images and the setting
up of the candles; and to David
Goodman for photography.*