

PWRDF 2008 Family Calendar

November 10-15 yrs Activity: Peace Prayers

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Say No To Peace

Say 'No' to peace,
if what they mean by peace
is the quiet misery of hunger,
the frozen stillness of fear,
the silence of broken spirits,
the unborn hopes of the oppressed.

Tell them that peace
is the shouting of children at play,
the babble of tongues set free,
the thunder of dancing feet,
and a father's voice singing.

Say 'No' to peace,
if what they mean by peace
is a rampart of gleaming missiles,
the arming of distant wars,
money at ease in its castle,
and grateful poor at the gate.

Tell them that peace
is the hauling down of flags,
the forging of guns into ploughs,
the giving of fields to the landless,
and hunger a fading dream.

Brian Wren.

It Shall Not Be Broken

Wherever the flickering sparks are fanned to
flame,
wherever candles are lit in the darkness,
the Spirit-filled servants of God,
be they individuals or communities,
be they the creatures of the wounded earth
itself,
reveal that even in the deepest affliction
hope is not extinguished:
I believe that behind the mist the sun waits.
I believe that beyond the dark night it is raining
stars.
I believe in secret volcanoes and the world
below.
I believe that this lost ship will reach port.
They will not rob me of hope, it shall not be
broken...
My voice is filled to overflowing
with the desire to sing.
I believe in reason, and not in the force of arms;
I believe that peace will be sown throughout the
earth.
I believe in our nobility, created in the image of
God,
and with free will reaching for the skies.
They will not rob me of hope, it shall not be
broken,
it shall not be broken.
I believe that behind the mist the sun waits.
I believe that beyond the dark night it is raining
stars ...
They will not rob me of hope,
it shall not be broken ...
It shall not be broken.

Janet Morley

