



From Losses to Blessings



San Francisco Interfaith Council

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World AIDS Day: From Losses to Blessings

Welcome	The Reverend Maggi Henderson
Statement from the San Francisco Interfaith Council	Michael Pappas
Islamic Call to Prayer	Iftekhar A. Hai
Three Layers of Peace	Cantor Sharon Bernstein, Pastor Henderson, Mr. Hai
Leader	Peace be upon you.
People	Upon you, be peace!
Hinei Mah Tov	Ms. Bernstein
Message	Dr. Charles Garfield, Founder, Shanti Project
God Put a Rainbow in the Sky	Ms. Bernstein
A Prayer of Hope	Robert Phillips
Leader	Spirit of the living God, you breathe on all that is fragile and strong, competent and inadequate, broken and whole. You lead us from the places of pain and difficulty to your cool living waters of health and wholeness. Through you every tear is wiped away and we are transformed by your wellsprings of life
People	May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS
Leader	We praise you, O God, and give you thanks for the gift of life and the life-giving power of your Spirit, which renews and refreshes us with hope. We thank you that by the life-giving power of your spirit, you have bestowed upon us, your people, such gifts as are needed to respond to the situation at hand. Pour on us all that we need to stop AIDS and reach out to everyone affected with compassion, healing and hope.
People	May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS
Leader	We offer up the names of those we have lost and of those who are affected by HIV/AIDS.
	<i>The people stand as they are able, and offer the names silently or aloud.</i>

Leader We pray for the leadership of those living with or affected by HIV and give thanks for the courage you give us to share our stories. We thank you that our stories raise awareness, invite solidarity and challenge us to join with one another in the struggle.

People **May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS**

Leader We pray for our houses of worship and our non-profit organizations. Be with us and guide us as we respond to the needs of all who live with or are affected by HIV and AIDS. We pray especially for leaders and members, staff and volunteers as they provide pastoral services. Inspire and empower them to provide the leadership and help that our community needs to respond effectively.

People **May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS**

Leader We pray for our public officials. Be with them and guide them in their response to HIV and AIDS. Give them courage, wisdom and resources that they may create effective and just public policies so that everyone may receive the information they need to stop the spread of HIV and that everyone may have access to the treatment and care required for their health and wholeness.

People **May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS**

Leader We give you thanks, O God, that you have raised-up leaders throughout the ages—reluctant leaders, courageous leaders, surprising leaders, humble leaders, servant leaders—bestowing on each one gifts for service. Raise-up among us such leaders today who will create universal access to medical treatment and health care, effective education and prevention programs, advocacy for strong and just public policy, and the funds and other resources needed to stop AIDS

People **May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS. Amen.**

The people may be seated.

All You Need is Love

World AIDS Day Pop-Up Choir

Benediction

The Reverend Victor Floyd

Announcements

You are invited for refreshments after the service. The refreshments are sponsored by Bahá'í Center of San Francisco.

You also have the opportunity to purchase Dr. Garfield's new book *Life's Last Gift: Giving and Receiving Peace When a Loved One is Dying*.

Join the SF Interfaith Council "The Vigil: The Interfaith Annual Homeless Persons Memorial at the Civic Center Plaza" on December 21, 5:30 pm, on the Polk Street side of Civic Center Plaza.