

**MARCH FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
**Readings and Quotes at Nolen Plaza - June 7, 2010**  
**MFSA Iowa Chapter**

**Proclamation** (The reading of quotes that challenge us to renew our commitment to peace and social justice)

Isaiah 11:5-6: "Round his waist he shall wear the belt of justice;  
and good faith shall be the girdle round his body,  
Then the wolf shall live with the sheep,  
and the leopard lie down with the kid;  
the calf and the young lion shall grow up together,  
and a little child shall lead them;" (

**Matthew 5:9:** "How blest are the peacemakers; God shall call them his children."

**Mary, mother of Jesus:** God's mercy is on those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm,  
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts,  
he has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and exalted those of low degree;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.

**John Wesley:** "Wealth is not necessary to the glory of any nation. Wisdom, virtue, justice, mercy, generosity, public spirit, love of country are necessary to the real glory of a nation, but abundance of wealth is not.

**Dalai Lama:** "All major religions carry basically the same message, that is love, compassion and forgiveness. Our prime purpose in life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."

**Martin Luther King Jr.:** "The church that preaches the gospel in all of its fullness, except as it applies to the great social ills of the day, is failing to preach the gospel".... "The Church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state, and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority."

**Dorothy Day:** "Lord, when did we see you burned with napalm? Inasmuch as you did it to one of these my little ones you did it unto me."

**Gen. Omar Bradley:** “The way to win an atomic war is to make certain it never starts.”

**Martin Luther King, Jr.:** “A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

**Cheryl Canfield, the Peace Pilgrim:** “The price of peace is to abandon greed and replace it with giving, so that none will be spiritually injured by having more than they need while others in the world have less than they need.”

**Mother Teresa:** “If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

**Dorothy Thompson:** “Peace is the product of Faith, Strength, Energy, Will Sympathy, Justice, Imagination, and the triumph of principle. It will never be achieved by passivity or quietism.”

**Desmund Tutu:** “If you see injustice and say nothing, you have taken the side of the oppressor.”

**Martin Niemoller:** “First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist, so I didn't speak up; Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew, so I didn't speak up; Then they came for the trade unionists, but wasn't a union member, so I didn't speak up; Then they came for the Catholics, but I wasn't a Catholic so I didn't speak up; And then they came for me, and by then there was nobody left to speak up for me.”

**Martin Luther King, Jr.:** “It may well be that the greatest tragedy is not the glaring noisiness of the so-called bad people, but the silence of the so-called good people.... We have inherited a large house, a great 'world house' in which we have to live together—black and white, Easterner and Westerner, Gentile and Jew, Catholic and Protestant, Muslim and Hindu—a family unduly separated in ideas, culture and interest, who, because we can never again live apart, must learn somehow to live with each other in peace.”

**Helen Keller:** “I do not want the peace that passeth understanding. I want the understanding which bringeth peace.”

**John Lennon:** “All we are saying is give peace a chance.”

**Albert Einstein:** “Nothing that I can do will change the structure of the universe. But maybe, by raising my voice, I can help in the greatest of all causes—goodwill among humankind and peace on earth.”

**Isaiah 52:7:** “How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good tidings, who publishes peace.”

Ted: Symbols and language are crucial. They express the goals and values by which we live and die. Together, let us affirm:

***Now is the time to change the closing prayer of political speeches from “God bless the United States of America” to “God bless our nation and all nations with whom we share the planet earth.”***