

Worship Suggestions for Your Congregation

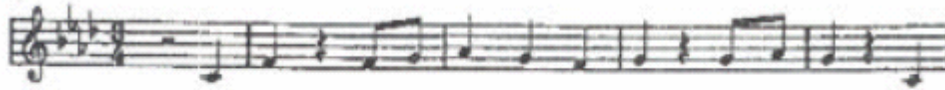
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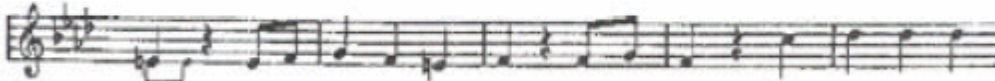
- **Create a Peace Candle and a Peace Icon** for your worship space; these can be stationary and left as a place to pray, or carried in the procession.
- **Begin church functions for a month with lighting the candle** and saying a prayer.
- **Have special Palestine/Israel peace prayers in the Sunday bulletin.**
- **Include prayers for Israel/Palestine in the Prayers of the people.**
- **Include Palestine/Israel peace intentions during the Eucharist.**
- **Have the children/youth/young adults write their own petitions for peace** then use them in the services.
- **Create a congregational candle** to take to meetings and demonstrations.
- **Ask the children and youth of the church to create peace banners.**
 - Use peace banners for use during processions.
 - Use the banner for a month running then alternate;
 - Hang the banner on the Church doors;
 - Suggest that each Church in the diocese create a Peace banner to take to diocesan convention.
- **Include special Palestinian/Israeli songs in worship** (see hymn in this packet)
- **Walk the labyrinth for Peace.** If your community does not have one you can create a simple labyrinth on a lawn with stakes and white twine.
- **Include other faiths in your peace project.**
 - Invite guest preachers from other faiths.
 - Invite other congregations of other faiths to your worship.
 - Seek invitations for your congregation to worship with other faiths.
 - Hold an interfaith worship service for Peace in Israel/Palestine.
- **Sample Prayers:**
 - God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar are crying for their children. Violence is bearing the fruit of fear among the offspring of Hagar, once again. The tears of the innocent stain the land of Palestine/Israel. We intercede on behalf of the homeless, the displaced, the powerless, and all in Palestine/Israel who live in fear. Comfort those who mourn, bring your healing power to those who suffer brokenness, and above all, send forth your peace to this land. Amen
 - Allah! Give us steadfastness in obedience and keep us far from sin. Give us sincerity in intention and knowledge of that which is sacred; bestow on us guidance and constancy, seal our tongues with reason and wisdom, fill our hearts with knowledge and learning, keep us clean within from what is forbidden and from those things of which we are uncertain, keep our hands from oppression and stealing, hide from our eyes immorality and treachery, and close our ears to foolish talk. Grant this through thy overflowing generosity and thy mercy, O merciful and Compassionate! The Holy Qur'an
 - Collect #18 – For Peace (pg. 258) Book of Common Prayer

- Teach your congregation this hymn written by the Rev. Ernest Cockrell:

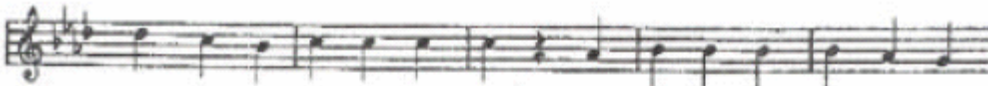
Sama/Listening



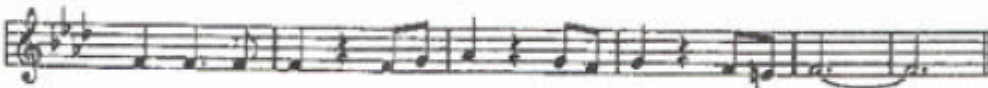
1. Sa - ma', are you lis - tening? Sa - ma', do you hear? Sa -
 2. Sa - ma', are you lis - tening to words full of hope? Sa -
 3. Sa - ma', are you lis - tening? Sa - ma', do you care for
 4. Sa - ma', Pal - es - tin - ians, we're lis - tening to you! Is -



ma', the be - gin - ning of life with - out fear. To hear all the
 ma', are you work - ing for peace so re - mote? Sa - ma', are you
 those in op - pres - sion who live an - y where? God's mer - cy and
 rael - i peace - mak - ers, God bless what you do! Sa - ma', are you



voic - es of an - guish and grief, to hear the in - jus - tice in
 work - ing for jus - tice and truth, be - fore the de - struc - tion of
 jus - tice can change ev - 'ry heart, and make the im - pos - si - ble
 lis - tening, no ha - tred will do, to re - con - cile Christ - ian and



need of re - lief, Sa - ma'! Sa - la'am! Sha - lom! _____
 all of our youth? Sa - ma'! Sa - la'am! Sha - lom! _____
 just a new start, Sa - ma'! Sa - la'am! Sha - lom! _____
 Mos - lem and Jew, Sa - ma'! Sa - la'am! Sha - lom! _____

Sama: listening (Arabic)
 Sala'am: peace (Arabic)
 Shalom: peace (Hebrew)

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