

Prayers for the Day
Saturday, July 28, 2007
Eugene, Oregon All-Day Singing

Opening Prayer

Let us pray. Mindful of the powerful tradition of worship and song which brings us together today, we ask this blessing:

that our singing bring joy to ourselves and serve as a sign of harmony in a world too often driven by discord; A sign of peace in a world too often at war; A sign of strength and hope to those troubled in their hearts or distressed by injustice, poverty or ill health.

We pray that this day will deepen our ties with each other and bring new energy and wisdom in our efforts to foster integrity and respect among us, our community and our world. Amen."

The Blessing upon Dinner

Let us pray. We give thanks for the work of those who have made this day possible, for the gift of our visiting friends, and for the food and conversation we are about to enjoy. We pray that this meal will strengthen us in our singing this afternoon and deepen our appreciation of each other and the tradition we celebrate today. Amen."

Closing Prayer

Let us pray. We give thanks for this day of song and friendship. Let us go forward strengthened in the spirit of the words we have sung and the tradition we celebrate. To paraphrase an old scottish blessing:

Deep peace of the running water to you;

Deep peace of the flowing air to you;

Deep peace of the singing earth to you;

Deep peace of this sacred space to you;

Deep peace of the spirit of peace to you. Amen."