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NURTURING FAITH AND VITALITY THROUGH SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

THE PRACTICE OF PEACE-MAKING

in preparation for Sunday June 12, 2011

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MON: Matthew 18:15-22

TUES: Romans 12:9-20

WED: Matthew 5:38-48

THUR: Isaiah 52:7-53:12

FRI: Mark 5:1-20

- What does this reading say to you about the practice of peace-making?
- What encourages you?
- What makes you uncomfortable?

PRAYER

God of peace, may your graciousness shape my response to those around me as I follow you in the way of the cross. AMEN.

IT'S TIME TO PRACTISE

1. When you find yourself in a situation of conflict this week, no matter how minor or serious, ask yourself, "Why not listen? Why not love?" Take some time to journal your responses to these statements.
2. Participate in the *Global Day of Listening*. On June 19-20 (6:30am-6:30am) Kabul time, the Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers will host a *Global Day of Listening*, linking people in conflict zones with people in other parts of the world.

To join the call, go to www.globaldayoflistening to find out how to listen in.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"Christian nonviolence is entailed in the very heart of what it means to worship a crucified God."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,
Strength to Love

*"Why not listen?
Why not love?
Why not?"*

The Afghan Youth Peace Volunteers

"Jesus was the most accomplished practitioner of nonviolence in history. The only people who don't know this are Christians."

Mohandas K. Gandhi

"It is not the church of God that has a mission in the world but the God of mission who has a church in the world."

Rowan Williams, *Mission-Shaped Church*

"Hatred ever kills; love never dies. Such is the vast difference between the two. What is obtained by love is retained for all time. What is obtained by hatred proves a burden in reality for it increases hatred."

Mohandas K. Gandhi

"We cannot sow seeds with clenched fists. To sow we must open our hands."

Adolfo Perez Esquivel