

## A Prayer for Dialogue

Eternal Spirit of Peace, liberate us from fear and mistrust of the other.

Purify our memories and help us to overcome our prejudices so that we might live in solidarity and communion with our neighbours near and far.

Help us to accept the coexistence of two valid opposing truths.

Grant us the integrity to meet the other halfway and to put ourselves in their shoes.

May we recognize that the other is similar to us and is our sister or brother, and not an instrument to serve our purposes.

Bless us with humility to recognize our ignorance in the face of the reality of the other;  
being ready to venture outside of our comfort zone,  
and having our most deeply held convictions and beliefs confronted.

Guide us also in our words so that we speak our own truths and visions;  
that we might respectfully express what is in our hearts.

In this communion of shared truths, may we forge a new path;  
a path of justice and peace, together.