



Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition

"Faith Communities In Action Against Poverty"

Interfaith Prayer Vigil Template for the day

Faith Communities in action against poverty

Praying that justice be reflected in Ontario's Budget

Each hour of the Vigil begins with a Gathering Moment and a Welcome Word. The following is a suggested outline of the Vigil Day at Queen's Park.

Morning Session - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

9:00 - Word of Welcome and a Gathering Prayer/Reflection

9:10 - Reading of a Passage from the Sacred Scriptures, Wisdom Literature

9:20 - Led Reflection on this passage with those gathered.

9:40 - Quiet Time in Silence or small talk

9:55 - Closing Prayer to the Hour

This process repeats itself each hour. When starting in the Morning we end with the Hour of Noon and this Hour might be suggested as follows:

Noon Session - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

12:00 - The Host of the Noon Hour introduces the invited Faith Leader to the moment and invites Him/Her to lead us in that hour of Vigil.

The Faith Leader then:

12:10 - Offers a Prayer

12:15 - A Reading from a Sacred Reading

12:20 - Faith Leader offers a Reflection

12:40 - Interaction and Dialogue with Faith Leader

12:55 - Closing Prayer/Reflection

1:00 - The normal hour format begins again.

Afternoon Session -1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The afternoon session repeats the pattern of the morning session (above).

NOTE: Among other things, a Prayer Vigil is a Prophetic gesture. Our first concern is not the times in which we live but the rightness of the gesture. We want to change hearts and minds, but more than that we want to remain faithful to our respective faith traditions.