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Surrender To Non-Violence

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“But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.”
(Matthew 5:39a)

Surrender To Non-Violence

Offer

No resistance,
No revenge,
No retaliation.

Rather,

Surrender,
Yield,
Submit.

Break bonds of violence.

“An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.” (Gandhi)

About Sr. Juliemarie McDonald, SND

Sister Juliemarie McDonald joined the Sisters of Notre Dame of Chardon, Ohio in 1951. She holds an MA in English Studies from John Carroll University MA in Scripture from St. Charles Seminary. After 32 years of teaching classes ranging from first grade to college level, she then became a researcher, campus minister, director of religious education and a pastoral minister in Mease Hospital in Dunedin, Florida. In her semi-retirement, Sister Juliemarie writes reflections and faith sharing sessions for the young sisters in formation in Africa, Philippines, Korea, India and the USA. Her spare time is spent as a crafter.



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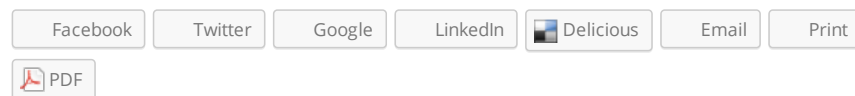
Find peaceful ways, non-violent ways to ward off evil.
Allow peace to flow like a river, changing course peacefully without struggle.
Let peaceful ways bring power to the powerless,
and nourishment for all creation with concern and care.
Allow this peaceful river to spill into oceans, seas, and bays of every land.

Scatter love and healing, like aromatic rose petals, from river banks of every land.
Fill the world with the fragrance of peace.

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What if governments surrendered to these peaceful ways?
2. What if world-wide we erased the mentality of an "eye for eye"?
3. What if every nation had a Department of Peace instead of a Department of War?
4. What if parents taught by words and actions non-violent lessons to children?
5. What if youth stopped bullying one another?

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Sister Mary Helen Chasar February 23, 2014 at 2:25 pm



Dear Sister Juliemarie,
Thanks for your Spirit-filled Prayer Poem.
If we followed it, we would have HEAVEN ON EARTH!
With the help of God's Grace, I pray each day for myself, Church, Country,
Community and the Chasar Family (4 ' C's) that we will experience the PEACE
JESUS CAME TO EARTH TO GIVE!
GOD BLESS YOU. LOVE AND PRAYERS.

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Juliemarie February 24, 2014 at 5:39 am

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Dear Helen, it certainly would be heaven on earth! That's what we pray for in each Our Father—"Thy Kingdom Come."



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