

Prayer for an Interfaith Gathering

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Let us bow our heads and recall God's presence within and among us.

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaac and Rebekah, God of Ishmael and daughter, Mahalath, You are Great. Blessed are You for calling us together this evening.

We come from courses at the college, a busy day at work or practice, and all the entanglements that are part of life and relating to one another. Our relationships most often are positive, respectful, and energizing. At other times, they can become contentious and difficult because we are unable or unwilling to listen to, understand, or identify with the other.

Tonight, we gather to consider an important topic in our interfaith relationships. We will consider deeply held religious beliefs of people like us, yet, in some deep ways, different from us, whether Muslim, Christian, or Jew.

Each of us stands in confidence and hope looking into the face of the God in whom we believe. As the loving and faithful God of Abraham and Sarah, our commitment to You is holy ground. Tonight open our minds and hearts to understand Your call to the important dialogue around the questions, the prophetic movements among us, and ultimately the call to live as messengers of peace.

Amen.

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