



Beijing Noonday Prayer

This prayer was originally cowritten by Episcopalians and other people of faith during the Fourth World Conference on Women, convened by the United Nations in Beijing, China, in 1995. It has been adapted over time. By praying at noon in individual time zones throughout the U.N. Commission on the Status of Women's annual session, participants are sharing globally in an interfaith remembrance of gender justice and dignity.

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Dear God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, we pray for all who gathered in Beijing and for all those attending and supporting the [_____] session of the Commission on the Status of Women meeting. Bless them.

Help us to see one another through eyes enlightened by understanding and compassion.

Release us from prejudice so we can receive the stories of our sisters and brothers [and siblings] with respect and attention.

Open our ears to the cries of a suffering world and the healing melodies of peace.

Empower us to be instruments in bringing about Your justice, peace and equality everywhere.

Please join us in celebrating and praying with all those who have been involved with Beijing and UNCSW, for our delegations who will represent and advocate on our behalf, and most especially for women and girls in all their diversity, worldwide.