From Losses to Blessings

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World AIDS Day: From Losses to Blessings

Welcome
The Reverend Maggi Henderson

Statement from the San Francisco Interfaith Council
Michael Pappas

Islamic Call to Prayer
Iftekhar A. Hai

Three Layers of Peace
Leader Peace be upon you.
People Upon you, be peace!
Leader Peace be upon you.

Hinei Mah Tov
Ms. Bernstein

Message
Dr. Charles Garfield, Founder, Shanti Project

God Put a Rainbow in the Sky
Ms. Bernstein

A Prayer of Hope
Spirit of the living God, you breathe on all that is fragile and strong, competent and inadequate, broken and whole. You lead us from the places of pain and difficulty to your cool living waters of health and wholeness. Through you every tear is wiped away and we are transformed by your wellsprings of life

Leader We praise you, O God, and give you thanks for the gift of life and the life-giving power of your Spirit, which renews and refreshes us with hope. We thank you that by the life-giving power of your spirit, you have bestowed upon us, your people, such gifts as are needed to respond to the situation at hand and reach out to everyone affected with compassion, healing and hope.

People May we know your call to be leaders in this struggle and to employ the courage, wisdom and resources you have given us to respond to HIV and AIDS

Leader We offer up the names of those we have lost and of those who are affected by HIV/AIDS.

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Leader We pray for our leadership of those living with or affected by HIV and give thanks for the courage you give to us to join with one another in the struggle. We thank you that our stories raise awareness, invite solidarity and challenge us to join with one another in the struggle.

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Leader We pray for our houses of worship and our non-profit organizations. Be with us and guide us as we respond to the needs of all who live with or are affected by HIV and AIDS. We pray especially for leaders and members, staff and volunteers as they provide pastoral services. Inspire and empower them to provide the leadership and help that our community needs to respond effectively.

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Leader We give you thanks, O God, that you have raised up leaders throughout the ages—reluctant leaders, courageous leaders, surprising leaders, humble leaders, servant leaders—bestowing on each one gifts for service. Raise up among us such leaders today who will create universal access to medical treatment and health care, effective education and prevention programs, advocacy for strong and just public policy, and the funds and other resources needed to stop AIDS.

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Announcements
You are invited for refreshments after the service. The refreshments are sponsored by Baha’i Center of San Francisco.

You also have the opportunity to purchase Dr. Garfield’s new book Life’s Last Gift: Giving and Receiving Peace When a Loved One is Dying.

Join the SF Interfaith Council “The Vigil: The Interfaith Annual Homeless Persons Memorial at the Civic Center Plaza” on December 21, 5:30 pm, on the Polk Street side of Civic Center Plaza.