







Mourning the horrific attacks on 9/11 and the tragic deaths of 3000 Americans. 


 Cherishing sympathy and compassion from countless people from within and beyond U.S. borders.


Mourning more than 2,500 killed and many more wounded in U.S. Armed Forces. 

 Cherishing prayers and the comfort, healing and strength loved ones find.


Mourning thousands of Iraqis killed in war and the Iraqis' sense of betrayal.   
[www.iraqbodycount.net](http://www.iraqbodycount.net)


 Cherishing thoughtful and active consideration for the Iraqis.  
[www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org)  
[www.vcnc.org](http://www.vcnc.org)


Mourning the plight of an untold number of prisoners tortured in Guantanamo, Iraq, and other countries such as Syria, Jordan and Egypt.   
[www.amnestyusa.org](http://www.amnestyusa.org)


 Cherishing the rights to a fair trial by international standards and to be free of torture or degrading treatment according to Articles 5 and 10 of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights.  
[www.un.org/Overview/rights.html](http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html)


Mourning increasing violence and killings between the Israelis and Palestinians. 

 Cherishing seeds for nonviolent peacemaking in the Middle East.  
[www.partnersforpeace.org](http://www.partnersforpeace.org)  
[www.holylandtrust.org](http://www.holylandtrust.org)  
[www.nimn.org](http://www.nimn.org)

 Cherishing nonviolent training, enabling people to resolve conflicts without violence.  
[www.trainingforchange.org](http://www.trainingforchange.org)

 Cherishing the care of refugees in the USA whose lives have been threatened.  
[www.jubileepartners.org](http://www.jubileepartners.org)

 Cherishing prayers and the comfort, healing and strength that can be found.


 Cherishing all practices of love's rule, the Golden Rule.

Whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.  
[Christianity. Bible, Matthew 7:12]

Not one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.  
[Islam. Forty Hadith of Nawawi 13]

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor.  
[Judaism. Shabbat 31a]

This law of love is present in nearly every religion. May the universal question be: how can I, in my religion, apply this law?  
[www.tanenbaum.org](http://www.tanenbaum.org)

 Imagine possibilities for peacemaking if more and more people of faith would accept the challenge to break the cycles of violence by being the first in the practice the Golden Rule toward enemies, within and beyond national borders. Dr. Martin Luther King had declared, "*Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.*"  
[www.religionsforpeace.org](http://www.religionsforpeace.org)



**WELCOME!**

Be a  
part of  
**PEACE**  
**PRESENCE**

**WHAT:** a public witness for security, justice and peace for *all* on earth.

**WHERE:** the heart of Grand Rapids, Division and Fulton.

**WHEN:** Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**SIGNS:** Use ours or bring your own.

### SOME OF OUR SIGNS

God Bless All Nations  
Is Iraq Another Vietnam?  
Read Between The Pipelines  
War Undoes Everything a Mother Does  
Honk For Peace  
Pray For Peace

### ENDORSEMENTS

Institute for Global Education  
Grand Rapids Peace Team  
Grand Rapids Friends Meeting  
TIBETmichigan  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom of Kent County  
Ada Congregational Peace and Justice Community  
Grand Rapids District Peace with Justice Community  
Dominican Sisters: Grand Rapids  
Plymouth Congregational Church of Christ

## Many wonder why we stand in vigils.

We stand because we fear there will be more bombings of more countries.

We stand in support of our young men and women in the Armed Forces.

We stand because we see our country becoming an empire.

We stand because we see our wealthy country moving towards bankruptcy. We stand calling for an end to the war on the poor.

We stand because our precious Bill of Rights is being destroyed because of a misguided "war on terrorism."

We stand in support of an endangered planet.

We urge you in the name of humanity, of all that is good, to speak out in any way that you know how. We live in a time that calls for action and courage before it is too late. Together we can create a world that cares for the planet and all life.



## We are a gentle, angry people.

We are like the Native American when he was conversing with his grandson who asked, "What do you think of this world situation?"

His grandfather explained, "I feel two wolves fighting in my heart. One is full of anger and hatred. The other is full of love, forgiveness and peace."

"Which one will win?" asked the boy.

"The one I feed," replied the Native American.

Your participation with  
Peace Presence will sustain  
its faithfulness since  
September 11.

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## Grief & Hope Since September



Mourning all victims

Cherishing all kindness