

May 11, 2013

On Saturday, May 11th, as we remember our day of fast and prayer, we are invited to “see with the eyes of God and with women’s hearts, the thirst for a deeper communion between believers of all religions. “ (Chapter Document, 2007)



DECLARATION ON THE RELATION OF THE CHURCH TO NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS: ***NOSTRA AETATE PETITIONS***

READER: That the members of the Church, through dialogue and collaboration, carried out with prudence and love and in witness to the Christian faith and life, may recognize, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values found in other religions, we pray... “O God hear us, hear our prayer.” - *Adapted from Nostra Aetate, #2*

READER: That the Christian faithful, recognizing as foreign to the mind of Christ any discrimination against others based on race, color, condition of life, or religion, may “maintain good fellowship among the nations”(1 Peter 2:12) and live in peace with all people, we pray ... “O God hear us, hear our prayer.” - *Adapted from Nostra Aetate, #5*

READER: That people of faith may place at the service of humanity their religious conviction, founded on the daily practice of listening to God’s message and encountering him in prayerful worship, we pray ... “O God hear us, hear our prayer.” -*Adapted from Pope John Paul II’s address to a group of Christians, Muslims and Jews, Feb. 26, 1986*

READER: That through respectful interreligious dialogue, our youth may be taught the ways of respect and understanding, so that they will not be led to misuse religion to promote or justify hatred and violence, we pray ... “O God hear us, hear our prayer.” -*Adapted from Pope John Paul II’s address on his visit to the Umayyad Great Mosque, May 6, 2001*

READER: That the Church will continue to build bridges of friendship with the followers of all religions, in order to seek the true good of every person and of society as a whole, we pray ... “O God hear us, hear our prayer.” - *Adapted from Pope Benedict XVI’s words of appreciation to the ecumenical and interreligious guests who attended his inaugural Mass, April 25, 2005*