

Faith Can Move Us Beyond Fear *In Memory of Mahatma Gandhi*

We are grateful, O Prince of Peace,
For the witness of Mohandas Gandhi,
Who inspired so many to walk
The path of nonviolence
During the turbulent past century.

We are grateful for Gandhi's witness of engagement
And his teaching that we are all called to participate
In confronting injustice and oppression.

We are grateful for Gandhi's witness of patience
And his willingness to work tirelessly
For the conversion of hearts,
Knowing that is the only authentic way
To transform structures of sin.

We are grateful for Gandhi's witness of a living faith
That is only fully realized as we
Live it out in the complexities of the social
And political situations of the current day.

We are grateful that Gandhi taught us that
Faith can move us beyond fear,
That violence is always a defeat,
And that the truth of justice must be proclaimed
Again and again in the here and the now.

Teach us, O Prince of Peace, Your way of love,
Of compassion,
Of nonviolence. Amen.

—Jane Deren, Ph.D.



“ The enemy is fear.
We think it is hate;
but, it is fear.”
—Mahatma Gandhi