



The Fellowship of the Least Coin

Call to Prayer

2024

The grace of Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

Today, God call us to a new moment;
to work with all people together;
to transform what no longer works.
but no one can do it alone;
so let us join together,
and encircle the world with our prayer.

Welcome

Music *FLC Hymn*

Introduction

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global movement that began as a call to prayer. Shanti Solomon asked Christian women from countries that had been involved in conflict and war, to pray for themselves and for the ones who hurt them, in order to offer forgiveness and seek justice. They were also to set aside their least coins as an act of faith in action on behalf of reconciliation.

Circumstances today are not far from what our sisters experienced 68 years ago. Today, as then, we need to pray for peace. There is rampant violence against women, both at home, and in the community. There is an institutionalized violence that degrades women and girls, robbing them of their rights, as well as opportunities to become the people God

created them to be. These are trying times, but we are women of passion and hope. We believe in the power of prayer and we are certain that our united effort will make a difference throughout the world. So let us pray with conviction, work with the force of our commitment and set aside our least coins, as a symbol of our active faith.

Music *What a Fellowship! What a Joy!*

We come together in deep prayer, mindful of God's presence within and amongst us, behind, and before. After each prayer petition, we pray, "God of Life, **hear our prayer.**"

Let us pray for God's blessing upon all women who daily strive to bring peace to their communities, their homes, and their hearts. Give them strength to continue to turn swords into ploughshares.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all women facing prejudice, inequality, and gender disparities. Help us to see and to challenge discrimination against women in all the many forms it may take.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all women who experience the violence of abuse, who live in fear of their husbands, fathers, and others who control their lives. May they receive the help and support they need to find a better life.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for women, girls, and boys who are victims of the pornography industry, online manipulation, and human trafficking. Empower us to speak out, to advocate for laws which provide better protection for these vulnerable ones, that they might live in safety and without fear.



Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all women and families experiencing the despair and struggle of poverty. May we stand with them, seeking just and equitable solution, and strive to remove any burdens of shame or embarrassment.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

We now pray for all women experiencing the violence and the anguish of war.

Let us pray for the women of Myanmar, that sadness may turn to joy, aggression into amity, despair into hope, anxiety and anger into calm, that the people might be reconciled.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the women of Yemen, grieving children lost to starvation. May political deadlocks be broken, hardened heart softened, closed minds and unhearing ears changed and opened, that justice and peace might prevail; and may they not be forgotten by the global community.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the women of Ukraine, whose lives have been uprooted by war, women who have lost home and family, who wait in fear for what tomorrow might bring. May they be strengthened and comforted, and may they continue to receive support from other countries around the world.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the women of the Middle East – Palestinians and Israelis, Jews, Christians, Muslims. May hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Silence

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us now offer prayers for ourselves, and those around us, laying before God our worries, our concerns, our fears.....

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

Let us lift up to God the blessings of our lives, that which brings us joy, peace, contentment

God of Life, **hear our prayer.**

God of Life, Creator of all that is. You are faithful and just, and your peace passes all human understanding. Hear our prayers this day, those offered both aloud and silently, and fulfill them according to your gracious will. Give us grace to pray and act in such a way that we shine your light into the darkness of this world, and together, in the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to bring a new moment into fruition. This we pray in the name of the One who is our Light, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathering all our prayers together, let us pray as Jesus himself taught us,

Our Father.....

Special Guest *Liza Lamis, ICFLC Executive Director*



Lotus flower
illustration from
*Shanti Means
Peace – The Story
of the Fellowship of
the Least Coin*

A Time of Sharing

The Blessing

The world is now too dangerous
and too beautiful for anything but love.
May our eyes be so blessed we see God in everyone.
May our ears be so blessed
we hear the cry of the poor.
May our hands be so blessed that everything
we touch is a sacrament.
May our lips be so blessed that we speak
nothing but the truth with love.
May our feet be so blessed that we run
to those who need us.
and may our hearts be so opened,
so set on fire, that your love,
Your love, changes everything.
Amen.



