

If We Claim to Love Our Neighbor

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1 If we claim to love our neigh - bor while the hun - gry queue for food,
2 If we pun - ish those with noth - ing, blam - ing them for where they stand,
3 Love of neigh - bor sets us square - ly in the place where they now sit,

Are we prey to self de - cep - tion? Is per - cep - tion quite so
Is this love of friend or neigh - bor, do we still not un - der -
Till the rich - ness God has giv - en builds a pearl a - round the

crude? If we sit be - side our neigh - bors, beg - ging for the things they
stand? Love of neigh - bor is not eas - y, cuts us till we feel the
grit; Till each per - son shares the com - fort of the love of which we

need, We might share their own in - jus - tice in a world that thrives on greed.
pain, Shar - ing hurt that they are feel - ing till they find new life a - gain.
preach, Till we live as fact the Gos - pel: none can be be - yond love's reach.

Lead Us From Death to Life

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2 John 1:3; Isa. 2:2-4

Refrain, Satish Kumar
Stanzas, Marty Haugen, 1985

Refrain C C7 F G C G/B Am

Lead us from death to life, from false-hood to truth, from de -

Dm7 G C Dm7 C7/E C7 Dm7

spair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to

G C/E E7 Am Dm7 G

love, from war to peace; let peace fill our hearts, let

Em Am Dm7 C/E Dm/F C/G G7 C

peace fill our world, let peace fill our u - ni - verse.

to Stanzas

Dm7 G Em7 Am

1 Still all the an-gry cries, still all the an-gry guns, still now your
 2 So man-y lone-ly hearts, so man-y bro-ken lives, long-ing for
 3 Let jus-tice ev-er roll, let mer-cy fill the earth, let us be -

Dm7 G7 C Am Dm7

peo-ple die, earth's sons and daugh-ters. Let jus-tice roll, let
 love to break in - to their an - guish. Come, teach us love,
 gin to grow in - to your peo - ple. We can be love,

E7 Am F D7/F# C/G G7 C

mer - cy pour down, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 come, teach us peace, come and teach us your way of com - pas-sion.
 we can bring peace, we can still be your way of com - pas-sion.

to Refrain

The text for the refrain of this hymn is known as the "World Peace Prayer." It is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism. Since its introduction at a service in Westminster Abbey on Hiroshima Day, 1981, the prayer has been translated into numerous languages and circulated around the world. The musical setting and additional stanzas were composed by Marty Haugen, composer-in-residence at Mayflower United Church of Christ, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Tune: WORLD PEACE PRAYER
 12.11.9.10. with refrain
 Marty Haugen, 1985