

## **This Love Between Us: Prayers for Unity - Reena Esmail**

### *I. Buddhism*

All beings tremble before violence

All fear death

All love life

See yourself in others.

Then whom can you hurt?

What harm can you do?

For one who seeks happiness

By hurting those who seek happiness

Shall never find happiness

For your brother and your sister,

they are like you

They, too, long to be happy

Never harm them.

And when you leave this life

Then you will find happiness too.

### *II. Sikhism*

How can we call someone evil,

when all are the creation of One?

### *III. Christianity*

Owe no man anything

but to love one another.

For he that loveth his neighbor

hath fulfilled the law.

For, Thou shalt not kill

Thou shalt not steal

Thou shalt not bear false witness

Thou shalt not covet

And if there be any other commandment, it is comprised in this word:

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

The love of our neighbor hath no evil.

Love, therefore, is the fulfilling of the law.

The night is passed and the day is at hand.

Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light.

#### *IV. Zoroastrianism*

All humankind would know its  
own lineage and stock;

never would a brother be  
abandoned in love by his brother  
nor a sister by her sister.

#### *V. Hinduism*

This love between us was born  
from the first humans;

It cannot be eradicated

as the river finds its way into the ocean

what is inside me flows into you.

For the one who sees all beings in the Self and the Self in all beings,  
harbors no hatred;

To the seer,

all things become the Self.

What delusion, what sorrow can there be  
for the one who beholds such oneness?

Are you searching for me?

I am in the next seat  
My shoulder rests against yours.

The Lord is inside you, and also inside me;  
just as the bloom is hidden in the seed.

#### *VI. Jainism*

If the mind is sinful, blamable,  
intent on works, acting on impulses,

producing cutting and splitting,  
quarrels, faults and pains,  
if it injures living beings,

if it kills creatures, then one should not employ such a mind in action.

If the speech is sinful, blamable,  
intent on works, acting on impulses,

producing cutting and splitting,  
quarrels, faults and pains,  
if it injures living beings,

if it kills creatures, then one should not utter that sinful speech.

#### *VII. Islam*

The lamps may be different,  
but the Light is the same

All religions, all this singing, one song.

I have bestowed on each one a unique mode of worship, I have given every one a unique form of expression.

I look not at the tongue and speech,

I look at the spirit and the inward feeling.

Religions are many, God is one.

The lamps are different, but the Light is the same: it comes from Beyond.

Concentrate on the essence,

Concentrate on the Light.

Amen.

(along with affirming phrases in other religions)

Concentrate on the Light.

## **Magnificat BWV 243 - Johann Sebastian Bach**

### *1. Magnificat - Chorus*

My soul doth magnify the Lord.

### *2. Et exultavit spiritus meus - Soprano Solo*

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

### *3. Quia respexit humilitatem - Soprano Solo*

For he hath regarded:

the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth:

they shall call me blessed.

### *4. Omnes generationes - Chorus*

All generations.

### *5. Quia fecit mihi magna - Bass Solo*

For he that is mighty hath magnified me;

and holy is his name.

*6. Et misericordia - Alto and Tenor Duet*

And his mercy is on them that fear him:  
throughout all generations.

*7. Fecit potentiam - Chorus*

He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

*8. Deposuit potentes - Tenor Solo*

He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

*9. Esurientes implevit bonis - Alto Solo*

He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

*10. Suscepit Israel - Sopranos I, II, Alto Trio*

He remembering his mercy:  
hath holpen his servant Israel.

*11. Sicut locutus est - Chorus*

As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed for ever.

*12. Gloria Patri - Chorus*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning: is now and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen