

Collect for peace

O God, from whom all holy desires,  
all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed:  
Give unto thy servants the peace  
which the world cannot give,  
that our hearts may be set  
to obey thy commandments,  
and also that by thee, we,  
being defended from the fear of all enemies,  
may pass our time in rest and quietness;  
through the merits of Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee  
in the unity of the holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Exchanges of pleasantries

First by the Delft Council of Churches

Second by the IZEFA-delegation

To conclude our meeting, the IZEFA-delegation will receive  
the traveling blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind always be at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
+ the Father, the Son and the holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*Coffee and tea will be served in the adjacent area.*

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*Meeting between the  
Delft Council of Churches and a delegation of the  
International Zen Exchange Friendship Association*

Welcome on behalf of the city of Delft

Deputy mayor S. Brandligt

Welcome on behalf of the Delft Council of Churches

Father Robin Voorn

Prayers for peace

*Delegation of the International Zen Exchange Friendship Association*

*Led by Roshi Noritake*

Prayers for peace

*Delft Council of Churches, led by father Robin Voorn*

In the name of the Father and the Son and the holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us be silent and open ourselves for prayer.

*Silence*

### Opening prayer

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Scripture reading

*Philippians 4, 4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Hymn

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
Forgive our foolish ways;  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
In purer lives Thy service find,  
In deeper reverence, praise

2. Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

3. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
Thy coolness and Thy balm;  
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

### Intercessions

Each prayer ends with:

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**