



# *Fratelli tutti*

## **BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALL TOGETHER**

### **Interreligious Dialogue**

*Dialogue between the followers of different religions does not take place simply for the sake of diplomacy, consideration or tolerance. In the words of the Bishops of India, “the goal of dialogue is to establish friendship, peace and harmony, and to share spiritual and moral values and experiences in a spirit of truth and love”.*

*Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue and not by constructing new walls.*

**Pope Francis, *Fratelli tutti*, paragraphs 271 & 284**

#### **Watch**

*What is interreligious dialogue (USCCB)* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1Z1mF5\\_GLw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u1Z1mF5_GLw)

*Interfaith is for everyone (Interfaith Glasgow)* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATwZ\\_MQ33GY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATwZ_MQ33GY)

*The Laundromat (Emanuele Sesta)* [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=au\\_9ctuya8M&list=PLUToZs1byMIm3HFWxutxqXdyhqrGs5WHB&index=145](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=au_9ctuya8M&list=PLUToZs1byMIm3HFWxutxqXdyhqrGs5WHB&index=145)

#### **Scripture**

*“Believe this: a new day is coming—in fact, it’s already here—when the importance will not be placed on the time and place of worship but on the truthful hearts of worshipers.”*

*John 4: 21*

#### **Questions for discussion**

- How aware am I/ are we of other faith traditions which people in our community follow? How much do I know about these other faiths, and where did that knowledge come from?
- Do I/ we seek to build bridges with other faith communities in our area? Do we extend or accept invitation to/from others on special occasions?
- What areas of common concern in our community could provide us with the opportunity to take action together?

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## Other Church Teaching

*The Church reproves, as foreign to the mind of Christ, any discrimination against men or harassment of them because of their race, colour, condition of life, or religion. On the contrary, following in the footsteps of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, this sacred synod ardently implores the Christian faithful to "maintain good fellowship among the nations" (1 Peter 2:12), and, if possible, to live for their part in peace with all men, so that they may truly be sons of the Father who is in heaven.*

Pope Paul VI, *Nostra Aetate*

*Our meeting attests only - and this is its real significance for the people of our time - that in the great battle for peace, humanity, in its very diversity, must draw from its deepest and most vivifying sources where its conscience is formed and upon which is founded the moral action of all people.*

Pope John Paul II, Address to the World Day of Prayer, Assisi, 27 October 1986

## Listen

God, beyond all names (Bernadette Farrell) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Htrmq0g\\_Nk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Htrmq0g_Nk)

## Prayer

Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but You.

Great and wonderful are Your works, wondrous are your ways.

Thank You for the many splendoured variety of Your creation.

Thank You for the many ways we affirm Your presence and purpose, and the freedom to do so.

Forgive our violation of Your creation.

Forgive our violence toward each other.

We stand in awe and gratitude for Your persistent love

for each and all of Your children:

Christian, Jew, Muslim,

as well as those with other faiths.

Grant to all and our leaders attributes of the strong;

mutual respect in words and deed,

restraint in the exercise of power, and

the will for peace with justice, for all.

Eternal God, Creator of the universe, there is no God but You.

Amen

World Council of Churches

## Further Learning

Interreligious Dialogue in Scotland (Bishops' Committee for Interreligious Dialogue) <https://www.interreligiousdialogue.org.uk/> and Interfaith Scotland [www.interfaithscotland.org](http://www.interfaithscotland.org)

The Interfaith Amigos—Breaking the taboos of interfaith dialogue (TEDx) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPnZArtsG\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPnZArtsG_c) and [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soC\\_MSUo5Qo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=soC_MSUo5Qo)

Resources for dialogue (The Interfaith Network) <https://www.interfaith.org.uk/resources/dialogue-1>

Elizabeth Sink—Interfaith Cooperation: An invitation for all beliefs (TEDxCSU) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JffbkeVURZI>