

Justice in Peace

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Oh Justice, Oh Justice.....in the fullness of Peace!

Oh, Justice shall flourish in its time, and the fullness of peace. (Psalm 72:7)

At the funeral of Senator Ted Kennedy, his daughter Kara led the congregation in a version of Psalm 72. After each line, the congregation of dignitaries responded with refrain, "Justice shall flourish in its time, and the fullness of peace forever."

Senator Kennedy, may his memory be a blessing, understood that Justice is the inner truth of Peace. His legacy of making justice for the poor, for the disabled, for the disenfranchised people of this land, can be our inspiration as we all become Makers of Peace.

This practice marries Justice with Peace, affirming that the fullness of Peace is Justice. All our work for Justice must have Peace as its driving force and as we work for Peace, we must make Justice our goal.

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