

# LET GAZA LIVE



### Namo'valokiteshvaraya /

#### Palestine Will Be Free

Plum Village Buddhist chant, adapted by Sophie Sarkar to a traditional canon with lyrics devised by Pax Ressler

Namo'valokiteshvara is a chant from the Plum Village tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh. We offer this chant to invoke the name of the Bodhisattva of Great Compassion, Avalokiteshvara—also known as Kuan Yin, Kannon, and other names across cultures.

According to Thich Nhat Hanh, Avalokiteshvara is an enlightened being with the deep capacity to listen in a way that eases suffering. This chant helps us touch the seed of compassion within ourselves. Each of us carries the bodhisattva of compassion in our own heart, and this practice is a way to connect with that energy.

We chant Avalokiteshvara's name three times:

The first time, we return to ourselves and gently touch the suffering within.

The second time, we become aware of the suffering of those around us.

The third time, we open our hearts to the suffering of the world and send our loving compassion outward.



#### Yarabba ssalami (God of Peace)

#### trad. Palestinian Christian

Yarabba ssalami

amter alayna ssalam,
yarabba ssalami

imla' qulubana ssalam.

O God of peace, send
down your peace on our
world.

O God of peace, fill our

hearts with your peace.

#### Lo yisa goy (Vine & Fig Tree)

trad. Jewish, translation by Dodie Whitaker

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev Lo yil'm'du od milchamah.

And everyone 'neath their Vine and fig tree Shall live in peace and unafraid.

And into plowshares turn their swords Nations shall learn war no more.

#### **Amazing Grace**

melody by John Newton (1772), lyrics rewritten by Anne Kosseff-Jones

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound Of cries for lasting peace.
We raise defiant voices loud,
For genocide to cease.

We send our love to Palestine, Bright shining as the sun. We cannot build a safer world By sending bombs and guns.

The Lord hath taught us to denounce Empire's brutality; And grace will guide our standing up In solidarity.

#### My Ancestors

Eli Conley, to the tune of "Which Side Are You On" by Florence Reece (1931)

My ancestors they taught me To say "Never Again" When I cry out for Gaza It's because I honor them.

#### Down By The Riverside

trad. African-American spiritual

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside.

Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, ain't gonna study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more.

Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside.....

#### **Summons**

Alexandra "Ahlay" Blakely, with lyrics adapted from "Summons" by Aurora Levins Morales

Last night i dreamed
Ten thousand grandmothers
Stepped in between
The bomb and the family
They said don't wait
For your leaders to say
Each life is precious,

It will have to be us. (5x)

Last night i dreamed
Ten thousand grandmothers
Stood in their grief
And stopped the machine
They said don't wait
For your leaders to say
Each life is precious,

It will have to be us. (5x)



## LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

