# The People's Prayer for Peace - 7 May 2019 – Schuman Square 18:00 to 18:45 (meeting from 17:45 onwards)

# Objective

We are people of Europe, living in the heart of Europe. As Europe's heartbeat we wish to stand up together, in full respect of our differences, and pray for peace, solidarity and respect for the planet.

We consider these values to be the common pillars of our identity and society. Therefore, we want to come together and show our commitment to them and the importance of publicly standing up to them.

All are welcome to the People's Prayer for Peace (PPP) in a spirit of community and mutual respect, no matter where you are from or what your religious beliefs are.

# Background

This initiative comes from the people and is for all people. It appreciates the fact that people of faith may have different backgrounds, cultures and beliefs but can unite in a common desire for peace.

It stems from the fact that there are many communities in the Brussels area that pray for peace. This brought up the idea to initiate a movement to connect these communities, which represent citizens from all over the world, to pray side by side for peace.

#### The event

Together we will sing aloud and pray in silence listen to some testimonies and reflections. Thus, we want to offer a sign of peace to one another and to the world.

We hope that this event will help to connect people and faith communities to work together on different initiatives in the future.

## WE – the organisers

This has been initiated by members of the German Catholic Church St. Paulus and so far, has been endorsed by representatives of Protestant, Muslim and Jewish communities of Brussels. Our partners also include the NGOs inTOUCH - Fostering dialogue among cultures, Avenir de l'Europe, Schuman Square asbl, the Focolare Movement.

## How to participate?

If you/your community would like to be part of this event, you can do the following:

- Promote and publicise the event within your community
- Volunteer to be part of the organising committee
- If your community/NGO would like to be included in our list of partners, please contact us via E-Mail: peaceprayer2019@gmail.com

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