

A Jewish Prayer against Hatred

Father of mankind, who loves all peoples equally, we have come here today to rejoice in our shared values and to respect those things in which we differ.

We are taught that we should not do unto others anything that we would not wish them to do to us. Religion has never taught hatred, yet so often evil people have spoken thus in the name of religion.

Your servant Moses taught the Children of Israel not to hate the Egyptians, even though they had been enslaved by them. As Moses said, "to be free, you have to let go of hate."

Heavenly Father and God of peace teach us to be tolerant to one another and never to hate those who are different to us. Let us respect those whose role it is to protect us.

You have taught us here in Medway and in Kent, how special it is when brothers and sisters of different religions and backgrounds can live in harmony as part of the rich tapestry of creation.

Let us all stand together as children of the One Creator, to promote peace in the world and a sense of community where we can all live together in peace and friendship and without hatred.

And let us say, Amen