

## Artisans of Peace

Jesus, you came  
Precisely to be an artisan of peace-  
An artisan of dreams!  
An artisan who envisions!  
An artisan whose great passion  
Is to en flesh that dream.

Yahweh God,  
That dream of peace  
Just a small spark in each of us  
A spark that needs  
    Rekindling  
    Nurturing  
So that the dreaming can continue

O Creative Spirit of God,  
Come, awaken our spirits  
To the call to be ARTISANS OF PEACE!  
Let us dream again!  
Let us hope again!  
Let us discover again  
Courage – Nonviolence – Compassion.  
Let us discover again  
Ways to help the oppressed – the suffering  
Ways to create PEACE nonviolently

Make real our dreams  
Energize our spirits  
Strengthen our faith  
But above all fill us  
With the compassionate love  
That can make dreams happen – here and now!

This poem prompted by Bishop Gumbleton's injunction: "Be artisans of peace."  
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