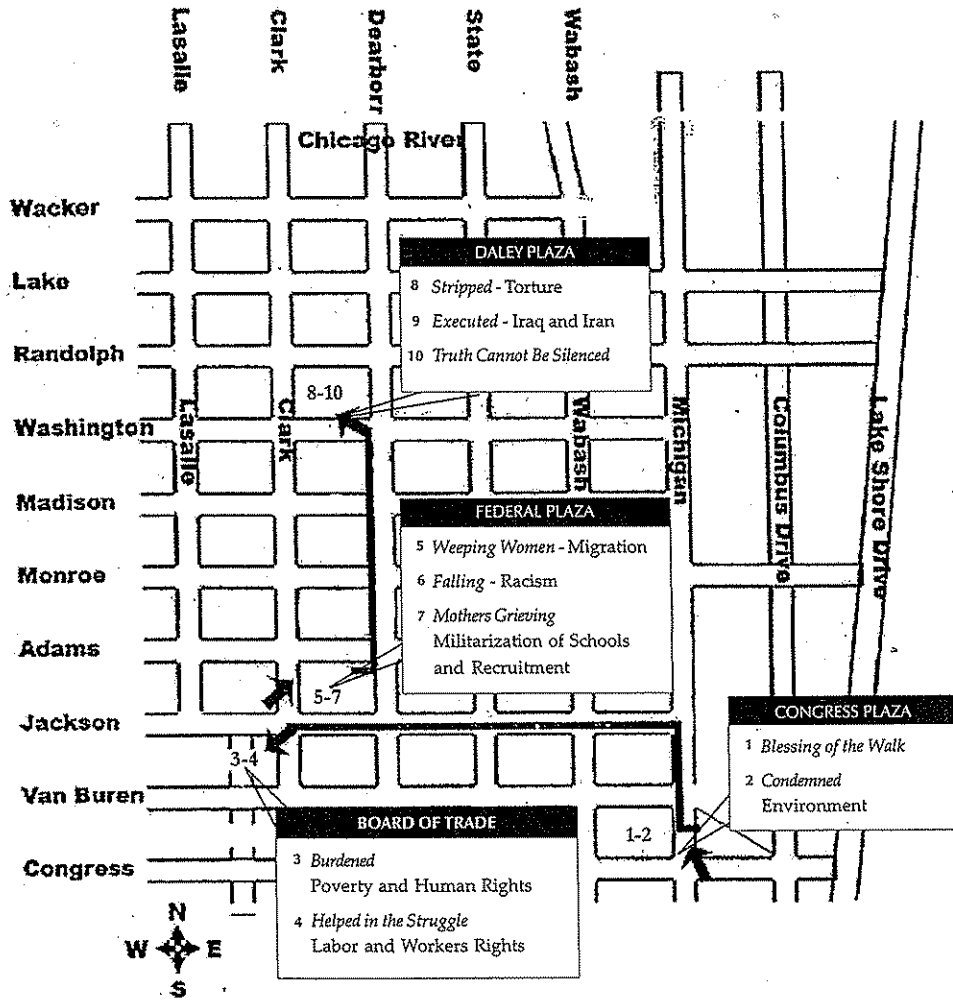


28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE ROUTE



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# TRUTH CANNOT BE SILENCED

MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2008, Noon - 3:00 PM

Starts at Michigan and Congress

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Friday Walk for Justice is a project of the 8<sup>th</sup> Day Center for Justice. The Walk for Justice stems from the Christian tradition of the Stations of the Cross - Jesus' Walk to his execution. The contemporary Station prayers, prepared by various justice-seeking coalitions/communities, call us to be in solidarity with those suffering at the hands of the "powers and principalities" in which communities of people and Planet Earth continue to be condemned, stripped of dignity, tortured and killed by unjust public policies.

The theme for this year's Good Friday Walk is - **TRUTH CANNOT BE SILENCED**. It speaks to 8<sup>th</sup> Day's belief that despite the dominating powers in societies using *silencing* as a weapon - Truth cannot be ignored. Nor can the good works of communities of resistance be stopped. Your efforts of speaking truth to power offer hope in the struggle for full justice.

**ACTIONS:** Please join the Walk for Justice even for just a few minutes or more. If you are unable to do so, join in solidarity with those who struggle for justice by reflecting and praying on the following stations.

### FIRST STATION

#### **A Blessing of the Walk for Justice**

*Presented by Anawim Center*

We give thanks, mother earth, for the food, the oxygen, the animals, the tenderness, and endless resources which we share with everyone. You carry the enormous weight of all our feet and all we have laid on you. We each have been given the knowledge to take care of you, our mother. We ask the creator to end the hunger in the world.

### SECOND STATION

#### **Condemned: Environment**

*Presented by Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO)*

Jesus, empower us with your strength to come together in solidarity with our planet and life. Give power to our voices to be able to speak for the weak and to extend the hand to build better life in our planet.

### THIRD STATION

#### **Burdened: Poverty and Human Rights**

*Presented by Southside Together Organizing for Power (STOP)*

Creator God, our brothers and sisters on the Southside of Chicago, public housing in New Orleans and throughout the world are burdened by unjust systems. We know that it is only with your help that we can change this. ??We want the right of community control and decision making over the planning and governance of the cities where we live and work, with full transparency and accountability, including the right to public information without interrogation.

### FOURTH STATION

#### **Helped in the Struggle: Labor and Workers**

### Rights

*Presented by Chicago Interfaith Committee on Workers Issues*

They don't see us as for what we are, human beings....I believe that everyone has the same rights – citizens or undocumented – because we are all human beings. I believe that workers have the power and that if from now on they unite and look for help, everything is going to change.

### FIFTH STATION

#### **Weeping Women: Migration**

*Presented by the Chicago New Sanctuary Coalition*

Loving God, help us transform the sorrow born in our deepest prayers into the work of peace and justice-making for immigrants rights. There is a lot of work to do before peace will come our way. Strengthen us, dear God, for the struggle is mighty. Give us hope, immigrant Jesus, for the journey is long.

### SIXTH STATION

#### **Falling: Racism**

*Presented by Catholics United for Racial Justice*

Good and gracious God, we gather in this sacred space, standing together as brothers and sisters united in prayer. Open our eyes, ears and hearts as people of faith working together to eradicate the sin of racism in our churches, communities and society. Send forth your Holy Spirit and empower us to build just and anti-racist relationships as we strive to dwell together in God's unconditional and universal love. AMEN.

### STATION SEVEN

#### **Mothers Grieving: Militarization of Schools and Recruitment**

*Presented by Families to Close the School of the Americas*

Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. God, help our children, our best hope for the future. Help us protect them while they are young so they may be able to grow into what they are meant to be. Keep us from

the agony of seeing them blindly swept into war at the hands of those who never heard their voices. Let us always rejoice in the blessing of their birth.

### EIGHTH STATION

#### **Stripped: Torture**

*Presented by Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ*

O God of love and mercy, forgive us. Our brothers and sisters around the world are tortured, tormented, crucified daily, their lives shattered. We have strayed so far from your charge to respect, love and care for each other. We fund this cruelty with our taxes, train our children to torture and harden their hearts, and we export this violence to the world. Have mercy on us. Help us to break the shackles of oppression and torture, the chains of torment and injustice.

### NINTH STATION

#### **Executed: Iraq and Iran**

*Presented by Voices for Creative Nonviolence*

The gospel messages call all of us to repent, to rethink. We are all complicit in the game of war; we do too little, too late to prevent the US from stretching out an arm of imperial might. We take the benefits, the spoils. We reach even further, threatening other countries, such as Iran. We reach out for comforts, and even our oblivion comforts us, while we ignore the consequences of our over-consumption and our waste.

### TENTH STATION

#### **Truth Cannot Be Silenced**

*Presented by 8<sup>th</sup> Day Center for Justice and the Prophetic Players*

God, we know that over the centuries courageous people have witnessed to the truth. They have often paid an awful price: imprisonment, torture, even death. Time and time again it is shown and will always be shown that truth cannot be silenced.

**We will all speak out, though attempts be made at every turn to silence us. We know throughout history that Truth Cannot Be Silenced.**