

Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil

DECEMBER 18, 2008 • DENVER CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING • 5:30 PM

THE HONORABLE JOHN HICKENLOOPER
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President, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

DR. GARY BOWSER
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church of Denver

TOM ROSSI • LEXI UDELL • STEVE SHANKLAND • RANDY BROWN
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless Consumer Advisory Board

RANDLE LOEB
Board Member, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless

REVEREND CYNTHIA JAMES
Associate Minister, Mile High Church



SPECIAL THANKS

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In Memoriam

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GEORGE CHASE ALONE
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Benediction for Those Who Have Died on the Street: 2008

It is too late to turn back from the growing pangs of hate that cross my knitted, furrowed brow.

Passion turns to snow and cleaves my aching heart beating rhythmically, irregularly and out of touch.

This is the time of resolution to survive or fling oneself from the edge of reason to into endless night. Soothing comes from time to time perchance by gracious touch and sense that what pervades my grating countenance is truly born from home and womb of mothers across continents. No distinction lies between the broad base of deceit and the apex of tender grace.

We hold in our grasp the seeds of despair and lightness, while wrenching us from the darkest hours of misery, and making us shine as brightly as a star bursting comet. The tail is as long as we can bear to hold. The weight of endless sorrows and losses carry us over the threshold of life.

Freeing us from the on rushing tide; freeing us at last from torment, for good; and peering into the infinite glimpse of life that is reunited with mother, father and the time before all time, when the simplest inspiration was grasped and held lovingly pressing tender face to face with grace.

Great spirit of the winds and heavens, earth and light bestows on this visitor the final gift of fragrant peace and serenity in the beyond, that this beating heart will join the infinite beating wisdom of all of those saints and those foes who stood before this place and cast a glowing light.

What hospice cannot offer the wayfarer, the street lamp and dark brush bestows, a place of refuge and peace, that this person who relinquishes to the frost shakes the cold off and settles into a slumber holding the image that this time I will not awaken from the cold that settles in and finds me a shadow of what I once was.

There are those who will not rest this night knowing that these are the wishes of a person who as ably lost control and safety, willingly gave into the grip of death knowing full well that this decision of despair and hope, that this time we will remember.

Yet, if this same person awakens then that life may be restored and anon trudge through the snow banks to a place of refuge. What marks the life of one fragile spirit is held on a tightrope between ultimate despair and hope that this time we will remember.

We Will Remember.

The Denver Catholic Worker Chapter continues this Vigil through Christmas Eve with people who will be holding a banner which says, "There are still many for whom there is no room in the Inn." It will be at 7:00 p.m. on most nights except Monday, December 22nd when it will be at 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Eve when it will be at 6:45 p.m.