QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Calls and Prayers for Peace

1. Define the following terms:
   - admonisher
   - countenance
   - ensign
   - luminary
   - firmament
   - diadem
   - equanimity
   - amity
   - enmity

2. These prayers and calls for peace include many themes, including:
   - generosity
   - gratitude
   - friendship
   - justice
   - support for the poor
   - humility/meekness
   - forgiveness
   - prosperity
   - truth

   Choose five of these themes and explain how they relate to peace. Can you find any other common themes? Explain. Be sure to support your answers with specific examples from the texts.

3. Why do you think it is valuable to recognize the shared values and visions of peace and justice that unite different faiths and philosophical traditions?

4. How do you define peace? Does your definition encompass both interpersonal and international relations? Do you believe that it is possible to achieve your definition of peace? Why or why not? What can you do to get closer to your vision of peace?