

Thank you for your partnership!

The past 25 years have not always been easy. Greater Baton Rouge has experienced racial discord, violence, hurricanes and the long-term impact of poverty. But we have also been richly blessed by the generosity, kindness, and compassion generated by people of faith who love their neighbor.

Thank you to those who formed the Greater Baton Rouge Federation of Churches and Synagogues in September, 1986 and brought diverse people of faith together.

We celebrate visionary leaders who cultivated relationships and planted the seeds of unity, justice, and peace in our community. Today, we sit under the shade of trees planted by their labor. Many in this community have been blessed by the harvest of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge. Some highlights from the past 25 years:

Holy Grill meals in Zion City; Kids Café; Community Prayer Breakfasts; Pilgrimages of Hope; Sounds of CommUNITY Concerts; Black-White Dialogues; Interfaith Caregivers; Habitat for Humanity (launched local branch); Hurricane Katrina and Gustav Responses; Operation Red Stick; Interfaith Dialogues; Poverty Forums; Interfaith Pilgrimage; Hands for Change; the list goes on.

Please continue to pray for the work of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge. Our work is not done. Let us move forward inspired by the legacy of the Federation's history and motivated to work with each other to transform our community. Let us cultivate the seeds of unity, justice, and peace in our personal lives, faith communities, and Greater Baton Rouge.

For more information see [www.ifedgbr.com](http://www.ifedgbr.com)

Donations can be sent to: 3112 Convention St., Baton Rouge LA 70806

### **A LITANY**

*To Remember the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11*

*To Celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge  
1986 - 2011*

- L:** O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace among faith communities, peace among nations, peace in our city, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts.
- C:** **Hear us, O Source of peace, as we pray to you.**
- L:** We remember those who died on September 11, 2001, and all the innocents of every time, place, and faith who suffer. Comfort those who mourn with your mercy and compassion.
- C:** **Hear us, O Source of comfort, as we pray to you.**
- L:** We remember the leaders in our city, state, nation, and world. Grant them hearts of wisdom, so that they might govern with compassion and thoughtfulness, and not out of anger or prejudice.
- C:** **Hear us, O Source of wisdom, as we pray to you.**
- L:** We remember our calling to serve. We give thanks to those who serve our communities and place themselves in harm's way to keep us safe.
- C:** **Hear us, O Source of love, as we pray to you.**
- L:** We remember the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge and 25 years of working in this community to bring unity, justice, and peace. Stir in each of us our calling to be instruments of your peace. Give us courage to confront discord, injustice, and hatred. Cultivate in us a yearning for unity, justice, and peace.
- C:** **Hear us, O Source of justice, as we pray to you. Amen**