

THE TEN PLAGUES

It is traditional to remove a drop from your full glass of wine for each of the 10 ancient plagues, to show how our bounty is diminished by the suffering of others.

Please remove a drop from the fullness of your cup as we name ten plagues of our world today:

- Our cup is diminished when our addiction to oil destroys our environment and depletes our economy.
- Our cup is diminished when our fears of difference blind us to the common humanity of all.
- Our cup is diminished where the ills that afflict women command lesser attention and resources.
- Our cup is diminished when children are abandoned in failing schools.
- Our cup is diminished when war is not the last resort of our governments.
- Our cup is diminished by economic and trade systems that privilege corporate welfare above the wellbeing of all our citizens.
- Our cup is diminished by the erosion of labor standards and human rights around the world.
- Our cup is diminished when lesbians, gay men, bi-sexual and transgender people are written out of the community of full equality.
- Our cup is diminished when the international plague of AIDS continues to be met with ignorance and neglect, at the cost of millions of lives and futures.
- Our cup is diminished when fear of today's immigrants violates the humanity of our neighbors and dishonors our own struggles for acceptance when we were immigrants.