



From Nigeria to Ukraine: Dialogue the way to peace - Peace Prayer with Bishop Kukah

Leipzig, September 15, 2024 – On October 7, 2024, at 5 PM, a special peace prayer will take place at the St. Nicholas Church in Leipzig.

Bishop Matthew Hassan Kukah, an internationally recognized expert in peace, mediation, and diplomacy, who has saved thousands of lives, will lead the event. He has played a crucial role in peace processes in Nigeria's Sharia-ruled northern regions, where his diocese is located. He also facilitated the resolution of the decades-long conflict between the Ogoni people and the oil company Shell in the Niger Delta. At the Leipzig peace prayer, Bishop Kukah will address the challenges of contemporary global diplomacy and international peace policy. A particular focus of his speech will be on the necessity of changes in the international system to promote global peace and stability. He is a vocal critic of increasing militarization.

"We are at a point where we must recognize that the true solutions to global conflicts lie not solely in political agreements but in the ability to build bridges of trust and understanding," Bishop Kukah explains. "Politics that rely on escalation and militarization will not create a peaceful future."

Bishop Kukah is attending the event at the invitation of the "Leipzig Stays Peaceful!" initiative. Lutz Mücke, chairman of the peace initiative, speaks about Kukah's impact: "Bishop Kukah has made significant contributions as a civilian mediator in civil wars and complex conflict situations. He is known for his outspoken remarks and co-founded the Nigerian Peace Commission, a body of prominent figures tasked with, among other things, preventing violence during elections."

"Leipzig Stays Peaceful!" aims to develop Leipzig into a global center for peace. During Bishop Kukah's visit, the initiative will ceremoniously sign a cooperation agreement with the Kukah Center from Abuja, Nigeria, to jointly implement projects promoting peace diplomacy in the future.

The public is warmly invited to participate in this special peace prayer and to make a powerful statement for peace.

When: 5 p.m. | Monday 2024/10/07

Where: ‚Prayer for peace‘ in the St. Nicholas Church Leipzig

Admission: for free, donations are requested

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1. pictures 1 & 2: Portraits: Bishop Kukah, known in Nigeria for his clear words, his peace initiatives and mediations

2: Bishop Kukah (center) at the ceremony to mark the signing of a peace agreement in Nigeria

3. members of the Nigerian Peace Commission: Bishop Kukah (right) together with the Sultan of Sokoto (left) and former President Abdulsalami Abubakar

4. Bishop Kukah at a press conference