

# 25 Things We Can Do In Solidarity with the Kings Bay Plowshares 7

## Thank you for supporting the KBP7!

Fr. Steve Kelly, SJ, and Patrick O’Neill will be sentenced on October 15 and 16, 2020 for their nonviolent witness at Naval Base Kings Bay on April 4, 2018. Liz McAlister was sentenced in June. Carmen Trotta, Clare Grady, Mark Colville, and Martha Hennessy are scheduled for sentencing Nov. 12 and 13.

Because of the dangers of COVID-19, the Kings Bay Plowshares 7 and their supporters are asking that instead of coming to Brunswick, GA, for their sentencing that we all take intentional action for peace and a world unbound by nuclear weapons.

Like other iconic nonviolent direct actions, Plowshares actions are not about petitioning the

government. They are actions of the soul more than of public policy. They involve profound personal sacrifice and radical symbolism, declaring an end to militarism and the poverty, racism, and environmental destruction that accompany it.

Likewise, the KBP7 and their support team encourage you to go deep in reflecting on and acting to transform ourselves and our communities’ involvement in the permanent war-profiteering economy we each help sustain. As the KBP7 have experienced and face years in prison, let us face our own participation in the end of the world that Trident missiles and submarines represent.

This list of suggestions is a starting point. Everything underlined is linked to more information and the links are listed at the end.

**Pray individually.** Pray for an end to nuclear weapons. Pray for transformation of ourselves and our country and world. Pray for an end to militarism and violence in our own hearts, in our homes, on our streets, in our courthouses and state houses, in our national government, and in our military bases around the world.

Pray  
for  
transformation

**Pray communally.** Ask your faith community and pastoral leaders to place a primacy on leading your community of faith into a new commitment to active nonviolence and new levels of intention for understanding, prayer, and action towards the Beloved Community free from nuclear weapons, imperialism, oppression, and fear. Your denomination likely has statements against nuclear weapons.

- **Host** KBP7 members and support team speakers with a Zoom webinar.
- **Share the history** of the Plowshares Movement.
- **Hold teach-ins** on Plowshares activists’ reasoning, tax resistance, weapons divestment, etc.

## Expand the Circle

- **Donate** to support travel, families support during jail time and legal expenses. Checks can be made out to: Plowshares, PO Box 3087, Washington DC 20010 or donate online.
- **Stay on top** of developments with the KBP7 (their sentencing, where to write them) at kingsbayplowshares7.org, our Facebook page, and by subscribing to our list.

## Divest from the Bomb.

- Divest from the bomb by joining a credit union in your community or alternative bank.
- Divest from the bomb by amending your stock portfolio.
- Divest from the bomb by challenging your alma mater to divest.
- Divest from the bomb by leading your state and local governments to divest.

## Cross the Line

Every year at military bases around the country, the NV Nuclear Test Site, and elsewhere peace activists **risk arrest for trespass** in nonviolent protest. Join in these transformative experiences. They build community.

It's 100 seconds to midnight. Pray. Plan. Step up.

## Let 'Em Know — Spread the Word!



## Books. Films. Newspapers!

- Have a book reading of, say, MLK's *From Chaos to Community*.
- Show films such as *The Nuns, The Priests, and The Bomb, Radiation Monitoring Project*, and others.
- Subscribe to and support the Nuclear Resister.

- Write **letters to the editor**. Short. Sweet. Powerful.
- Help with effective outreach on **social media**.
- Tell your friends and your community, "I Stand with the Kings Bay Plowshares 7." **Make a sign**, take a photo, and post it on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram with the hashtags #kingsbayplowshares and #swordsintoplowshares. Or download a sign.
- Make sure to publicize your work on all of this. **Create press releases** and send them to your local media, and religious media. Inform your faith community's clergy and lay leaders of your work and challenge them to support it.

## Act Locally - Make Connections

- **Reach out** to grassroots justice and peace groups in your community and call their attention to the KBP7. Share this list with them. Ask them to inform their supporters. Join them and support their work.
- **Join a community of intersectional action** that works to abolish nuclear weapons, ending MLK's triplets of evil (war, poverty, racism) and environmental devastation. Support the Movement for Black Lives and BLM nonviolent actions in your community. Follow the leadership of BIPOC organizers in your community. Work in solidarity with frontline communities such as First Nation peoples, BIPOC groups, immigrants, poor communities, the Poor People's Campaign, BLM, SURJ,

Georgia WAND, Pax Christi, and other groups.

- **Join global coalitions** working to promote governments' adherence to and full implementation of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.
- **Organize vigils** and other forms of solidarity. Mask up and keep distance.
- Join or start an **Extinction Rebellion Justice** group in your community to halt business as usual of the largest contributor to global warming: the US military. Make sure your local XR chapter is one that embraces all four of the demands of the XR US movement, including the primacy of racial justice as essential to our survival.

# Share a Moment of Peace, Sing a Song

As our friends face sentencing and prison, invite your friends and neighbors remotely or outside, distanced and masked, into a circle of attentiveness to the KBP7 and their witness. Light some candles. Share figs and grapes. Sing "And Everyone 'Neath the Vine and Fig Tree." Enjoy.



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**Got questions?** Email us at [kingsbayplowshares@gmail.com](mailto:kingsbayplowshares@gmail.com)

**Links** Here are the links to everything underlined in the list:

## Pray

- Faith statements on nuclear weapons: <https://www.fcni.org/updates/faith-statements-on-nuclear-disarmament-155>

## Expand the Circle

- History of the Plowshas Movement: <https://kingsbayplowshares7.org/plowshares-history/>
- Tax Resistance: <https://nwtrcc.org/>
- Donate online: [https://www.nonviolenceinternational.net/donate\\_isaiah?link\\_id=5&can\\_id=a9df644640c4c1c9b09fb9bcd0cb2d59&source=email-april-update-second-anniversary&email\\_referrer=email\\_769163&email\\_subject=april-update-second-anniversary-video](https://www.nonviolenceinternational.net/donate_isaiah?link_id=5&can_id=a9df644640c4c1c9b09fb9bcd0cb2d59&source=email-april-update-second-anniversary&email_referrer=email_769163&email_subject=april-update-second-anniversary-video)
- KBP website: [www.kingsbayplowshares7.org](http://www.kingsbayplowshares7.org)
- KBP Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Kingsbayplowshares>
- Subscribe to List: [https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-global-petition-to-dismiss-charges-against-anti-nuclear-plowshares-activists-facing-25-years?source=direct\\_link&](https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/sign-global-petition-to-dismiss-charges-against-anti-nuclear-plowshares-activists-facing-25-years?source=direct_link&)

## Divest from the Bomb

- Credit Union: <https://www.dontbankonthebomb.com>
- Amending: <https://www.sipri.org/databases/milex>
- Stock portfolio: <https://weaponfreefunds.org/>
- Alma mater: <https://futureoflife.org/nuclear-divestment/>
- State and local governments: [https://www.codepink.org/divest\\_from\\_the\\_war\\_machine](https://www.codepink.org/divest_from_the_war_machine)

## Books, Films, Newspapers

- From Chaos to Community: <https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/encyclopedia/where-do-we-go-here-chaos-or-community>
- The Nuns the Priests and the Bomb: <https://nunspriestsbombsthefilm.com>
- The Nuclear Resister: [www.nukeresister.org](http://www.nukeresister.org)

## Let 'Em Know – Spread the Word

- [https://kingsbayplowshares7.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/IStandw\\_Large1.pdf](https://kingsbayplowshares7.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/IStandw_Large1.pdf)

## Act Locally - Make Connections

- Movement for Black Lives: <https://m4bl.org>
- Global coalitions: <https://icanw.org>
- Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons: <https://www.un.org/disarmament/wmd/nuclear/tpnw/>
- Extinction Rebellion Justice: <https://www.facebook.com/XRJustice/>
- **Share a Moment of Peace – Sing a Song** <https://www.riseupandsing.org/songs/vine-and-fig-tree>