



Homeless Person's Memorial Vigil

December 21, 2022 | 12 PM

Courthouse Square



The Longest Night of the Year

Welcome to the Homeless Persons' Memorial Vigil. This service commemorates the lives of people who died during this past year who were experiencing homelessness (or previously experienced homelessness) in our community.

The Vigil is held on December 21st, the first day of winter and the longest night of the year. In Montgomery County, 84 people who experienced homelessness lost their lives this year. Our hope is to bring awareness to the importance of access to resources, like affordable housing, for our most vulnerable citizens.

For more information, please visit
<https://bit.ly/22HomelessVigil>

To access the program from our website, please use the QR code.



MEMORIAL FOR THE HOMELESS

Welcome

Montgomery County Commissioner Carolyn Rice

Speaker

Mayor Jeffrey J. Mims, Jr., *City of Dayton*

Poem

"Four Candles" Author Unknown
read by Sam Webb, *Youth Action Board*

Prelude to the Litany

"The Prayer", Performed by Edith Thompson
Dayton VA Medical Center

Litany of Those Who Died

Angel Bernard, *St. Vincent de Paul Dayton*
Heather Wilson, *Miami Valley Housing Opportunities*
Dymon Todman, *PLACES*
Bell Ringer: Jill Bucaro, *The Law Office of the Public Defender*

Reflection

Mark Danis, *St. Vincent de Paul Dayton*

Final Remarks

Montgomery County Commissioner Carolyn Rice

Closing Song

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
(Lyrics on back cover)

"LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH"

Everyone please join in.

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be

With God as our Creator
Family all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now

With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

*Thank you for attending the 2022 Homeless Persons'
Memorial Vigil. We would also like to thank all the staff
and volunteers who work year-round to solve
homelessness in our community.*

