

**Justice and Peace - You can make a difference!**

***When all the prisoners in a country are crushed underfoot,  
When human rights are overridden in defiance of the Most High,  
When someone is cheated of justice, does not the Lord see it?***  
(Lamentations 3, 34-36)

The "Justice and Peace" group from Our Lady of Peace and Blessed Dominic Barberi parish have chosen the following case from Amnesty International for our prayer and support this month. We hope you can join your prayers with ours and consider writing a letter or sending a fax to the appropriate authority which is listed below.

**Saudi Arabia:** Suliamon Olyfemi was sentenced to death in 2004 in connection with the killing of a Saudi Arabian policeman. The Nigerian national has always maintained his innocence.

In September 2002, a group of men reportedly arrived in an area where many African nationals in Saudi Arabia worked as car cleaners. A fight broke out and the policeman was killed.

Suliamon Olyfemi and 12 others were arrested. They had no legal representation and were tried in Arabic, a language they did not speak. During interrogation they were told to put their fingerprints – which can act as a signature – on statements written in Arabic, which may have been later used as evidence. Some allege they were tortured.

The 12 men arrested with Suliamon Olyfemi were sentenced to prison terms and flogging.

Please write, expressing concern that Suliamon Olyfemimay is at risk of imminent execution, calling on the Saudi Arabian authorities to commute his sentence and investigate allegations of torture.

**Send polite appeals to:**

His Majesty King Abdullah bin 'Abdul 'Aziz Al-Saud,  
The Custodian of the two Holy Mosques  
Office of His Majesty The King  
Royal Court  
Riyadh  
Saudi Arabia

Salutation: Your Majesty

**And/or:**

His Excellency HRH Prince Mohammed bin Nawaf bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud,  
Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia  
30 Charles Street  
London W1J 5DZ  
Fax: (020) 7917 3000

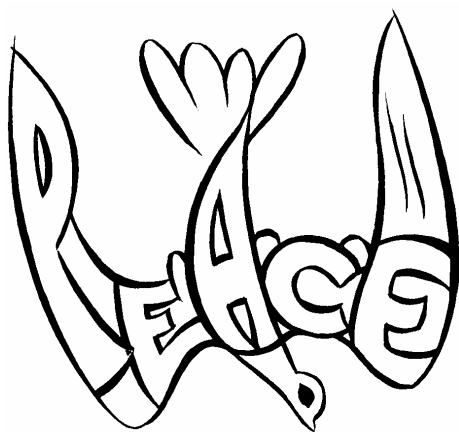
Salutation: Your Excellency

Optional helpful tips on writing appeals are available at:  
<http://www.amnesty.org/campaign/letter-guide.html>

You can check for updates on the status of previous appeals at:  
<http://web.amnesty.org/web/wwa.nsf/activebycountry>

Thank you!

Your parish Justice and Peace group.



## **An Advent Prayer**

Loving God,  
You humbled yourself to become one of us,  
and chose not to be born in a palace,  
nor even a family home,  
but in a borrowed stable.

As we prepare to celebrate your birth,  
We remember all those who are born into poverty.  
Inspire us to work for a world  
where no one is in need.

May the love you call us to show our neighbour  
be made alive  
through actions of hope.

Amen

*Susy Brouard, CAFOD*

