

# Hancock Litany for Good Friday

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## Good Friday Prayer for 174th Attack Wing

Video by *Judy Bello*

Men of the 174th Attack Wing, **Stop the Killing**

Women of the 174th Attack Wing, **Stop the Killing**

Men & Women of the 174th Attack Wing, **Stop Drone Crucifixions**

Men & women of the 174th Attack Wing, **—Leave the Military**

People of Iraq

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Afghanistan

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Pakistan

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Syria

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Yemen

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Libya

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Somalia

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

People of Gaza

**Forgive us our Killer Drones**

Our Tax Dollars for Death

**Forgive Us**

Slaughtered Native Americans

**Forgive Us**

Teaching Hate

**Forgive Us**

Our Sins against our Black brothers and sisters

**Forgive Us**

Tortured people of the Philippines

**Forgive Us**

United States invasions of Mexico

**Forgive Us**

United States invasions of Haiti

**Forgive Us**

United States invasions of Nicaragua

**Forgive Us**

United States imperialism in Latin America

**Forgive Us**

United States killings in the Great War

**Forgive Us**

60 Million dead in World War II

**Forgive Us**

Calling 60 Million dead a 'Good War'

**Forgive Us**

Believing War can be Just

**Forgive Us**

Christian Churches' Silence in Nazi Germany

**Forgive Us**

German Catholic Bishops' silence

**Forgive Us**

Lutheran Church Silence

**Forgive Us**

Dresden Fire Bombed

**Forgive Us**

Hiroshima Incinerated

**Forgive Us**

Nagasaki Destroyed

**Forgive Us**

Nagasaki Cathedral Ground Zero

**Forgive Us**

All Christian Crews Do Bombing

**Forgive Us**

38,000 Americans Died in World War II

**Forgive Us**

1 Million North Korean Soldiers & Civilians Killed

**Forgive Us**

United States Kills 3 Million Vietnamese

**Forgive Us**

58,000 American Troops Killed in Vietnam

**Forgive Us**

Dow Chemical's Agent Orange Devastates People and Land of Vietnam

**Forgive Us**

American Napalm Burns Vietnamese Children

**Forgive Us**

Trillions Spent on Nuclear Weapons & War Preparation

**Forgive Us**

United States Supports El Salvador Death Camps

**Forgive Us**

United States CIA Helps Assassinate 250,000 People in Guatamala

**Forgive Us**

United States Creates a Torture & Assassination School at Fort Benning, GA

**Forgive Us**

Graduates of the School of the Americas Kill Peasants and Union Leaders

**Forgive Us**

Graduates of the School of the Americas Kill Priests & Nuns

**Forgive Us**

US Troops IN 180 Countries Around the World

**Forgive Us**

US Led Sanctions Kill 500,000 Iraqi Children

**Forgive Us**

United States Slaughters Fleeing Iraqi Soldiers

**Forgive Us**

US Troops Stationed in Muslim Countries

**Forgive Us**

Invasion and Occupation of Afghanistan

**Forgive Us**

Shock and Awe Bombings of Iraq Kill Civilians by the Thousands

**Forgive Us**

Two Million People Flee American War Making in Iraq

**Forgive Us**

American Violence Spreads Throughout The Middle East

**Forgive Us**

Refugees Die in the Deserts & on the Sea Fleeing Wars Promoted  
by the United States

**Forgive Us**

United States Rejects Middle East Refugees

**Forgive Us**

Islamophobia Sweeps the Nation

**Forgive Us**

United States Drones Assassinate People in Seven Muslim  
Nations

**Forgive Us**

One Half Our National Spending is for Death & Weapons

**Forgive Us**

Weapons Are Our Largest Export

**Forgive Us**

United States in Year 2017 Will Cut Assistance to the Poor &  
Children's Programs

**Forgive Us**

Building Walls Instead of Empathy and Generosity

**Forgive Us**

Our Bloated Military Budget Will be Increased \$54 Billion This  
Year

**Forgive Us**

Republicans & Democrats Praise Trump for Killing Syrians

**Forgive Us**

**Aaaaa men....Aaaaaa men....Amen Amen Amen**

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# Stop U.S. drone warfare now



An unmanned U.S. Predator drone flies over Kandahar Air Field, southern Afghanistan, on a moonlit night.(Photo: AP)

**I just spent** two months as a prisoner in Jamesville Penitentiary.

I was jailed for my involvement in an April 28, 2013, solemn funeral procession at Hancock Air Force drone base in Syracuse. I joined 30 others to carry the message to “stop the killing.” Hancock’s 174th Attack Wing of the New York State National Guard flies missiles and drops bombs via satellite from drones thousands of miles from Syracuse. The targets are suspected “terrorists” somewhere in the Middle East.

Stanford University Law School’s International Human Rights Conflict Resolution Clinic and New York University Law School’s Global Justice Clinic, working independently with The Bureau for Independent Journalism, spent years collecting data on U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan. The findings are grim. In their report titled “Living Under Drones,” only 2 percent of the killings have been confirmed “suspected terrorists” by the

law schools' study.

Thousands have been killed, thousands wounded – body parts scattered in cities and countryside by our killer drones. There are no estimates of psychological damage to millions who live under drones 24/7. The killings by American drone missiles may be the best recruitment tool for more Middle East terrorists.

My “crime” was being a nonviolent messenger outside the main gate to Hancock. I was convicted of trespass and obstructing government administration. I was handcuffed and sent to Jamesville Penitentiary in Syracuse. As the oldest prisoner at Jamesville at 79, I was also the only political prisoner – a prisoner of conscience.

Before my sentence, I was offered a plea bargain: Plead guilty and have all charges dropped, or go to trial and face a year and 15 days in Jamesville Penitentiary. As a former high school teacher of Participation in Government classes, I could not say I was guilty of a crime for practicing my First Amendment rights of assembly, speech, press and religion.

Thankfully, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio did not support arresting Wall Street demonstrators during the U.N. Climate Summit in September of this year. “I think the First Amendment is a little more important than traffic,” de Blasio said when asked about disruptions caused by the Wall Street demonstration. “The right of people to make their voices heard, regardless of their views, is a fundamental American value, and we’ll protect that value.”

It should be noted that those of us arrested did not block traffic at Hancock Drone base on April 28, 2013.

The refusal of the DeWitt town court in East Syracuse to recognize First Amendment rights of assembly is akin to the medieval act of killing the messenger of bad news. The insistence of the DeWitt court to collaborate with the

military to stop nonviolent protest near the Hancock Attack Wing is in violation of the U.S. Constitution. The DeWitt court order of protection to stay away from the assassination base begs the question: Is there collusion between the DeWitt court and the military to suppress constitutional rights?

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