Do No Harm: A Litany

L: We, children of God who believe that justice should roll down like a river, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, call out to you today. You have told us, Lord, to seek you and live.

P: This week, as the United Nations General Assembly Special Session meets in New York to consider global drug policies, know that we are seeking you and that we are asking that you precede the faith leaders who convene there as your mighty witnesses. Let your spirit shine; let your spirit lead. Lord, hear our prayer!

L: In the backdrop of a failed War on Drugs which has become a horrific War on People, Rachel can be heard, weeping for her children, who are no more. Your children must address the harm done by policies of the Empire, but we know You are a balm in Gilead! Lord, hear our cries!

P: In the backdrop of a failed War on Drugs which has become a horrific War on People, the Empire has acknowledged it was with evil intent that the Nixon Whitehouse began the War on Drugs and the 40-year legacy has resulted in mass incarceration, devastating families and communities of color. Rachel can be heard, weeping for her children, who are no more, but we know You are a balm in Gilead! Lord, hear our cries!

L: Lord, we lift up your Holy name as a balm in Gilead and in your mercy, strengthen us for the journey and hear our cries! Remove our fear and replace it with a faith that defies evil and harm.

P: Remove our fear to confront evil in the Empire, and replace it with courage and determination to bring compassion and care to individuals, families and communities.

L: Cover our people to stand in our faith and on our faith to demand justice. Help our voices to be the clarion calls for compassion and care for all those impacted by global drug policies.

P: Creator God, we hear You calling us to compassion and care. We pray to You to melt hardened hearts and divinely move powers and principalities to help and heal the afflicted, not harm them further.

A: And we will forever sing your praises and say, “I love the Lord because the Lord heard our cries.”