



#CeasefireNOW! Holiday Song Challenge



Introduction

People around the world are rising up to demand a permanent Ceasefire NOW! At the Kairos Center, we have been joining this call and coming together as Muslims and Jews, Christians, and non-believers, as leaders from movements for racial, economic, climate, gender justice and more to amplify our voices of resistance through action, prayer, song and more.

This holiday season artists from across the nation have remixed classic holiday songs to support the calls for a permanent ceasefire. During this holiday season we call you and your community to participate in a cultural day of action on **December 21, 2023** to add your voice by 1) singing one of these songs from our [Ceasefire Holiday Remix Songbook](#), 2) recording yourself /your community singing, and 3) posting it on social media to inspire others to join you in this call!

Significance of December 21st - The Longest Night of the Year

December 21st - the Winter Solstice - is spiritually an important time of year. It is a time when we are reminded of the interconnectedness of the universe - with themes of rebirth, renewal and the return of light in the world. For those in the Kairos network, the longest night of the year has been historically tied to the legacy of the National Union of the Homeless and lifted up as a time to remember and honor the lives of homeless leaders who passed away throughout the year. December 21st is a time when we call out death that is caused by unjust systems that deny our basic human rights. And it is a time when we pledge to honor those who have died by continuing to unite and organize for the life and dignity of all people!

How to participate

- **Pick a Song** - choose one of songs from the [Ceasefire Holiday Remix Songbook](#)
- **Practice** your own rendition of the song - We encourage folks to get creative when recording your version of the songs. We want to capture the diversity of voices that are coming together to call for #CeasefireNOW
- **Video record** yourself / your community singing the song
- **Share video and handles** with the Kairos Cultural Arts Team via this [FORM](#)
- **Post your video** on social media on **December 21, 2023** - be sure to tag [KairosCenterNYC](#) on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and X. You can also add KairosCenterNYC as a collaborator on Instagram and Facebook!
- **Promote by using the following hashtags** #CeasefireNOW and #singforceasefire

Additional Resources

Songs in the Key of Resistance - CeasefireNOW Playlist

 [CeasefireNOW Playlist - Nov 12, 2023](#)

**If you have any questions about submissions or posting your video, contact Pauline Pisano at pauline@kairoscenter.org*