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**Pittsburgh Joins Nationwide Day of Action for World Peace and Prayer
Seneca Community, Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto to Attend
*Participants will be available for interviews after the prayer walk***

Residents, faith leaders and more than a dozen organizations in Southwestern Pennsylvania will join environmental and Indigenous rights activists for prayers and a rally for the protection of Pennsylvania's waterways from fossil fuel infrastructure and pollution. The event will take place:

WHEN: Friday, June 21, 2019 (Eve of the Summer Solstice), 4 p.m.

WHERE: North Shore – Allegheny Landing with a march across the Andy Warhol Bridge

[Degawëno:da's of Defend Ohi:yo' and the Seneca community](#) in New York and other attendees will speak to the gathering before the march. Earlier this month, Degawëno:da's and other native leaders with the Seneca community embarked on a journey to paddle the full length of the Ohi:yo'/Allegheny River from Coudersport to Pittsburgh to draw attention to need for the protection of our natural waterways. The journey was put on hold last week due to incessant rains and dangerously high waters on the Allegheny River. He plans to finish the journey once the rivers have returned to normal levels.

Following a moment of silence to offer prayers and intentions on the bridge, participants will return to the Allegheny Landing for more song and prayer.

The event is part of the "[24th Annual World Peace and Prayer Day](#)" that will bring communities together across the country to stand against the threat of fossil fuel industry to the health of the region and water resources. Other events are taking place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Moundsville, West Virginia and Cincinnati, Ohio.

The event promotes the unity and security that comes from mutual concern, care and respect of our natural environment and the health of all people. This will be a time to gather, to share what we know, to listen to each other's stories and to stand and pray together in right relationship with one another—and with our Mother Earth.

More information is on Breathe Project's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/752720625123475/>

The World Peace & Prayer Day Pittsburgh event is co-sponsored by:

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