

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

—Matthew 6:10a



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Two electoral steps in 2015 enabled Sri Lankans to achieve what the world thought was impossible. A violent, authoritarian regime was replaced with a more democratically friendly one – without the firing of even one bullet. This change was made possible because a cross-section of political parties, ethnic and religious groups and economic classes came together. A dynamic Buddhist monk provided courageous leadership, and numerous people’s initiatives and movements said enough is enough. Together, this cross-section of Sri Lanka proved that change can come when communities demonstrate interdependence and a willingness to cross boundaries for the common good.

There are still mountains to climb. The road to reconciliation with justice is a slippery one. The call of “Together we can” is to be reconstructed as “Together we must.” This is not simply a call to political prudence – it points to our role in the reign of God, the shift in history toward a more safe, just and reconciled world for all. As we engage the harsh realities of God’s world, in accordance with the values of Christ who abides in us, endowed with humble and wise discernment prompted by the Spirit, the governance of God will be made manifest through the governance of humans.

—Duleep de Chickera