I fully support the nonviolent disarmament witness that took place in the United States on November 2, 2009 to begin to disarm the Trident nuclear weapons. The first strike Trident nuclear missiles are a threat to all nations, including South Africa.

During the struggle against apartheid in South Africa we often used civil resistance and other nonviolent methods. These methods are equally relevant when it come to the struggle against war and nuclear weapons.

We know that nations need teachers, schools, books, drinking water, productive farm land, food and shelter. We do not need weapons of war, and we do not need nuclear weapons which threaten to destroy all of God's creation. That is why we in South Africa disarmed and dismantled our nuclear weapons in 1989.

If we are to believe the words of our faith, “to love our enemies”, then we must begin to disarm our nuclear weapons. If we believe that every life is sacred, that every person is a child of God, then we cannot bomb their villages and cities with nuclear warheads. The Plowshares movement, a movement of people who take responsibility for the nuclear weapons of their country, and who believe that disarmament is the way to abolish nuclear weapons, is a light in the darkness of the war making around us. I support William Bichsel, SJ; Anne Montgomery, RSCH; Steve Kelly, SJ; Lynne Greenwald and Susan Crane in their efforts to unmask and disarm the first strike nuclear weapons at the Naval Base Kitsap in Washington State in the US.

I continue to pray for peace along with all who work for peace with justice.