



Pax Christi Call: Please join us to vigil and rally on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 at 1:00 -2:00, to mark the 23rd year anniversary of the Guantanamo Bay prison. We will vigil in front of the Augusta National Guard Armory, at the intersection of Route 202 and Armory Street, and then rally with speakers, singers and more.

Our message is simple: **Shut Down Guantanamo**. According to the ACLU, since the prison opened in 2002, 780 prisoners have been held there, including 21 children. More than 86% of those prisoners were sold as prisoners to the U.S. for a bounty. Currently, 15 remain imprisoned at Guantanamo, **6 of whom have never been charged** with any crime or offense and are held indefinitely, in violation of international law. Adding to their injury, **3 of these 6 have been approved for release but are still held.**" <https://paxchristi-maine>

FMI on Guantanamo, please go to <https://www.closeguantanamo.org>

CLOSE GUANTANAMO

Vigil & Rally to close Guantanamo after 23 years of detention and torture

Sat. January 11, 2025 – 1:00 - 2:00 in Augusta

Bring your own signs!

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1:00 - Augusta Armory Vigil at 179 Western Ave. ([parking surrounds Armory](#))

1:15 - Rally Emcee, Mary Ellen Quinn, *Pax Christi Maine*

-Frank Panopoulos, *Witness Against Torture*, Detainee Attorney

-Dud Hendrick, *ME Veterans For Peace*

-Maureen Ostensen, *Smilin' Trees Disarmament Farm*

-Josh Kauppila, *Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine*

Witness ends, song and prayer in closing

Host: Pax Christi Maine **Co-sponsors:** Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, Peace Action Maine, Maine Veterans For Peace, Smilin' Trees Disarmament Farm, Witness Against Torture, PeaceWorks of Greater Brunswick, Peace and Justice Center of Waldo County, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, Augusta Women in Black

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Snow date: Sunday Jan 12, same time and place.

Monitor <https://peaceactionme.org> for current updates 207.772.0680

We encourage those who are able: donate to the Guantanamo Survivors Fund:
<https://llgsfund.org/>

We stand in solidarity with the #GazaCeaseFireNow

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