

Welcoming poetry **Solidarity with Riace!**

November 4th, 2018 – 4 pm

“The words I wrote and to which you give voice in Riace today 4 November 2018 are those of one who listens and transmits syllables from makeshift lands and shipwrecks of bad luck. They belong to those who are aware that they will be decimated but never stopped”

Erri De Luca

Welcoming poetry stems from the encounter between people who are both passionate about poetry and who believe in solidarity, hospitality and social inclusion of fragile people.

Informal groups, private organizations and public institutions are all invited to join this initiative.

By reading poetry collectively, the aim is to show solidarity with Riace and its old and new inhabitants, who chose to take roots there.

Our wish is that departing from Riace, our contagious action will contribute to disseminating the values of solidarity. And that the new encounters triggered will pave the way for new projects and initiatives with a view to ensure the survival of Riace as a unique welcome and social transformation laboratory.

All across the planet, there are many other localities where persons forced to flee their birth places live traumatic experiences and unbelievable barbarities. Our solidarity is meant to go to all of them through the promotion of new initiatives, accompanied by the background of welcoming poems.

To launch this first solidarity action we have chosen to read in unison “Lay Prayer” by Erri De Luca, who personally joined this initiative.

Format of the initiative:

1. First part: reading of Erri De Luca’s poetry in Italian or other languages (we have it in the Italian original version and translated into Spanish; you can contribute with a translation in your own language)
2. Second part: reading of one or more other poems with or without musical accompaniment.

Length: 10/15 min

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Procedure to be followed:

1. Join by November 3rd at 12 am by communicating to solidaritypoetry@gmail.com your name and/or organization, FB page, and approximative number of persons involved.
2. Choose a suitable place (outside or indoor) and self-organize to document the collective reading of poetry (via video, photo or streaming on Facebook or YouTube)
5. The initiative “Welcoming Poetry” starts on Sunday, November 4th at 4 pm:
 - a) Open the event by announcing the name of the author: Erri De Luca with his poem “Lay prayer” and you read the poem, (one or more readers, as you wish)
 - b) Announce the name of the second author and you read her/his poem, and so on...
4. Document the reading (via video, photo or streaming on Facebook or YouTube) and you post it on the web page “**Riace Patrimonio dell’Umanità**” and on your web page(s). All names of readers, participants and organizations should be mentioned.