



In loving memory of
John Timothy Leary

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John, our friend and brother whom we loved dearly, died of cardiac arrest August 31, 1982. He spent the last night of his life, as he often did, sleeping on the floor in a corner of his room while someone in greater need slept in his bed. On the day before his death he came to vigil for peace at Draper Laboratory as he had done so frequently for more than three years. We remember now especially a Prayer in a leaflet John offered to Draper employees just before Christmas in 1980:

Prayer of Saint Francis

♦ Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
♦ where there is hatred, let me sow love;
♦ where there is injury, pardon;
♦ where there is doubt, faith;
♦ where there is despair, hope;
♦ where there is darkness, light;
♦ and where there is sadness, joy.
♦ Oh Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
♦ to be consoled as to console,
♦ to be understood as to understand,
♦ to be loved as to love.
♦ For it is in giving that we receive,
♦ it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
♦ and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



The closing words of that leaflet, written by John Leary, reflect the understanding and love which were at the core of his witness:

"We share this prayer with you in memory of Christ, the Prince of Peace. It has special meaning for us and we hope for you as well. Whatever disagreements we may have concerning the right path to peace, we know that it is a value and dream you share with us. We hope this prayer will deepen our personal commitment to peace and help open ways for us to work together to eliminate all war, injustice, and fear."