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# Internationals Commemorate Chernobyl Disaster at Nevada's Nuclear Site

On April 24<sup>th</sup> (Easter Sunday) 38 people gathered at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS) as thousands have done each spring over the past 30 years. Eight were arrested and a dozen will return tomorrow to the NNSS (at the Mercury exit of US Highway 95) with the same hope for peace, environmental safety, and nuclear abolition. Both prayer-actions celebrate the Springtime hopes for an end to the terrors of the Nuclear Age. The April 26<sup>th</sup> event is held to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster in Ukraine. Tomorrow's demonstration will be held from 7am to 8am, and is one of hundreds all over the globe. These vigils and protests highlight the painful and expensive radioactive troubles from Chernobyl (Ukraine) and Fukushima (Japan).

The group holding interfaith prayers tomorrow morning at the NNSS wishes to communicate the urgent need to end the expansion of nuclear power technology and to protect the Nevada Desert and other bioregions from nuclear disasters. The recent Fukushima, Japan nuclear melt-down has sent radioactive fallout around the planet. The Chernobyl nuclear power explosion contaminated food and people across Europe. Ten thousand demonstrators in the town of Gronau, Germany today and fifty thousand others in Amsterdam last week are all supporting the same cause of ridding the earth of the radiological problems of nuclear power and nuclear weapons.

One of the Franciscan activists in Nevada this week hoping to stop the spread of nuclearism, Paul Lechance, said, "at this season of Easter we give thanks to the rising power of Love which overcomes the forces of evil and death in ourselves, in our world and in the nuclear madness."

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