




PEACE SEEDS

The Multifaith Prayers of The Peace Abbey

Peace Seeds represent the prayers for peace of the world's religions. The prayers were brought to The Peace Abbey and entrusted to the children at the Abbey's Life Experience School following the UN Day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi, Italy in 1986. It is the sacred mission of The Peace Abbey to share these prayers throughout the world, and to celebrate their message of peace and goodwill.

When reciting the prayers with a group, please use a soft voice, blending your voice with others.


1. HINDU PRAYER FOR PEACE



Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the real. Oh God, lead us from darkness to light. Oh God, lead us from death to immortality. Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all. Oh Lord God almighty, may there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on Earth. May the waters be appeasing. May herbs be wholesome, and may trees and plants bring peace to all. May all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May thy Vedic Law propagate peace all through the world. May all things be a source of peace to us. And may thy peace itself bestow peace on all, and may that peace come to me also.

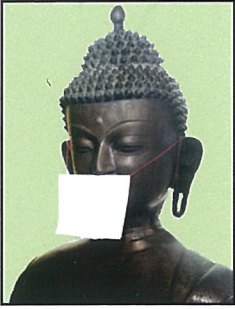
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2. BUDDHIST PRAYER FOR PEACE



May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind quickly be freed from their illnesses. May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free. May the powerless find power, and may people think of befriending one another. May those who find themselves in trackless, fearful wildernesses, the children, the aged, the unprotected, be guarded by beneficent celestials, and may they swiftly attain Buddhahood.

(3 second pause)



3. JAIN PRAYER FOR PEACE

Peace and Universal Love is the essence of the Gospel preached by all the Enlightened Ones. The Lord has preached that equanimity is the Dharma. Forgive do I creatures all, and let all creatures forgive me. Unto all have I amity, and unto none enmity. Know that violence is the root cause of all miseries in the world. Violence, in fact, is the knot of bondage. Do not injure any living being. This is the eternal, perennial, and unalterable way of spiritual life. A weapon, howsoever powerful it may be, can always be superseded by a superior one; but no weapon can, however, can be superior to nonviolence and love.

(3 second pause)



4. MUSLIM PRAYER FOR PEACE

In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful. Praise be to the Lord of the Universe, who has created us and made us into tribes and nations, that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline toward peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, Most Gracious, are those who walk on Earth in humility, and when we address them, we say "Peace".

(3 second pause)



5. SIKH PRAYER FOR PEACE

God adjudges us according to our deeds, not the coat that we wear: that Truth is above everything, but higher still is truthful living. Know that we attaineth God when we loveth, and only that victory endures, in consequence of which no one is defeated.

(3 second pause)

6. BAHAI' PRAYER FOR PEACE

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be fair in thy judgement, and guarded in thy speech. Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be a breath of life to the body of human-kind, a dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

(3 second pause)



7. SHINTO PRAYER FOR PEACE

Although the people living across the ocean surrounding us, I believe, are all our brothers and sisters, why are there constant troubles in this world? Why do winds and waves rise in the ocean surrounding us? I only earnestly wish, that the wind will soon puff away all the clouds which are hanging over the tops of the mountains.

(3 second pause)



8. NATIVE AFRICAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty God, the Great Thumb we cannot evade to tie any knot; the Roaring Thunder that splits mighty trees; the all-seeing Lord up on high who sees even the footprints of an antelope on a rock mass here on Earth. You are the one who does not hesitate to respond to our call. You are the cornerstone of Peace.

(3 second pause)



9. NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

O Great Spirit of our Ancestors, I raise my pipe to you. To your messengers the four winds, and to Mother Earth who provides for your children. Give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect, and to be kind to each other so that they may grow with peace in mind. Let us learn to share all the good things that you provide for us on this Earth.

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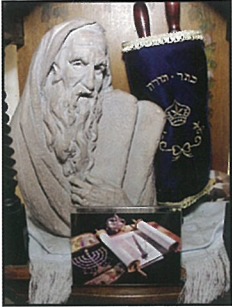




10. ZOROASTRIAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

We pray to God to eradicate all the misery in the world; that understanding triumph over ignorance, that generosity triumph over indifference, that trust triumph over contempt, and that truth triumph over falsehood.

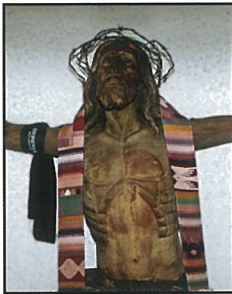
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11. JEWISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we shall beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

(3 second pause)



12. CHRISTIAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

Blessed are the PEACEMAKERS, for they shall be known as the Children of God. But I say to you that hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To those who strike you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from those who take away your cloak, do not withhold your coat as well. Give to everyone who begs from you, and of those who take away your goods, do not ask them again. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

The pictures next to the prayers are of the statues and icons in the Peace Abbey Chapel.

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