



Week of Prayer
For World Peace
2013 – 2014

THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

Shared Faith Worship

Although it was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of the Week of Prayer for World Peace in 1974, it soon became an inter faith activity, and now welcomes everyone, of all faith traditions or none, to take part. Our first Chairman, the late Dr Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster Abbey, established the guiding principle of the Week in the words 'The peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world', and this is still the basis of our work today.

"For those who want to persevere with the idea of praying with people of other faiths, three thoughts may be helpful. First, the different prayers that we say are said by neighbours in the same town and the same street every week and by worshipping together we simply bring under one roof what happens anyway under the same sky. Secondly, we are convinced that there is only one humanity that prays, and one Divinity that we pray to, whatever different opinions we may have about that one Divinity. Thirdly, we recognise that inter faith partnership does not itself imply agreement.

The things we agree on are many, and precious. The things we disagree on are precious too. When we stand with a follower of another faith who is praying, whenever we can agree with the prayer, we give it our interior assent. Where we cannot agree, we withhold our interior assent. It is still good to stand with that person as a friend and as a partner for peace."

Please let us know how you observe the Week of Prayer for World Peace (address on order form)

The Week of Prayer for World Peace 2013 is 13th – 20th October. Please use this leaflet of prayers and reflections during this week and at any time you would like

An interfaith gathering of prayer and peace will be held at

2.30 pm - Sunday 13th October

London Interfaith Centre
125 Salisbury Road
London NW6 6RG

*Queens Park (Bakerloo Line and Euston-Watford Overground) and
Brondesbury Park (North London Line)
The centre is a five-minute walk away*

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DAY 1 NURTURING PEACE

We pray for the ability to nurture peace within and between all our communities

So powerful is the light of unity that it
can illuminate the whole earth.

Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í

The world we build tomorrow is born in
the prayers we say today.

Jonathan Sachs, Chief Rabbi

Shall I inform you of an act better than
praying or fasting?
It is making peace with another.
For enmity and malice tear up heavenly
rewards by the roots.

A man's true wealth is the amount of
good he does in his life.

The Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)

Every individual must change his own life
if he wants to live in a peaceful world.
The world cannot become peaceful
unless and until you yourself begin to
work toward peace. It is only by
removing hate from our hearts that we
can live a Christ-like life.

Paramahansa Yogananda, Hindu



DAY 2 KINDNESS

We pray that we may always act and speak from a place of kindness

My religion is very simple. My religion is
kindness.

Dalai Lama, Buddhist

God has created us all human ...He is
kind and just to all.
Why should we be unkind and unjust to
each other?

Abdu'l-Baha'

Violence is the knot of bondage.
Do not injure any living being.

Jain

The more I develop the habit of only
holding on to the goodness in others, the
more my own sense of well-being will
rise.

Brahma Kumaris

I give amity to all and enmity to none.
Know that violence is the real cause of all
miseries in the world.



DAY 3 FRIENDSHIP

We pray for the ability to embrace all humankind in a spirit of Friendship

We are the children of many traditions - inheritors of both shared wisdom and tragic misunderstanding. In that which we share, may we see the common prayer of humanity; where we differ, let us wonder at human freedom; together let us know the uniqueness that is God.

Jewish

We believe our coming together in this initiative forms a powerful statement that the nations of the world can unite in peace and friendship. We are convinced that peace is not only possible;

it is one of the most urgent needs of our time. We affirm that every single human being has the right to peace and justice; and that at the same time peace is a responsibility we must all assume.

Ambassadors' Declaration at Inauguration of the World Peace Flame Pathway, The Hague, 2004

Let us pray that all living beings realise that they are all brothers and sisters, nourished from the same source of life. Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of suffering to each other.

Buddhist



DAY 4 FORGIVENESS

We pray for the ability to forgive and thus heal ourselves and others

If we could read the secret histories of our enemies, we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility.

H W Longfellow

He who forgives and seeks reconciliation shall be rewarded by Allah.

Qu'ran chapter 42, Muslim

Reconciliation, in the Biblical sense, is not about ideologies or beliefs but about

people, their relationship and response to God, and their relationship and response to each other.

Sydney Bailey, Christian

He did not take my deeds into account
Such is His forgiving nature.

He gave me His hand and saved me
And made me His own

For ever and ever I enjoy His love.

Sikh



DAY 5 GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

We pray for the ability to approach all of life with a sense of gratitude

Protect peace through the lightness of your mind and your generosity of heart.

Brahma Kumaris

Abiding happiness and peace is theirs who choose goodness for its own sake - without expectation of any reward.

Zoroastrian

People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Teresa, Christian



DAY 6 WISDOM

We pray for wisdom and discrimination in all our actions

A thousand people cannot convince one by words to the extent that one person can convince a thousand by action

Zoroastrian

See the truth in all religions, for truth is in all and truth is one!

Abdu'l-Bahá

Call me a Jew - I am one;
Call me a Christian - I am one;
And call me a Muslim - I am one.

Rumi

Do not attach yourself to a particular creed or religion exclusively,

So that you disbelieve in all the rest,
Otherwise you will lose much good;
Nay, you will fail to recognise
The real truth of the matter.
God the Omnipresent and Omnipotent is not limited by any one creed.
Wheresoever you turn, there is the face of God

Ibn El-Arabi, Muslim

The end of words is to bring us to knowledge of things
Which words cannot utter

Isaac Penington, Quaker



DAY 7 THE ANIMAL KINGDOM

*We pray for awareness of the dangers that human exploitation poses for the animal kingdom
and the means to resolve this peacefully*

To say that we love God
And at the same time exercise cruelty
Towards the least creature
Is a contradiction in itself
John Woolman, Quaker

All things bright and beautiful
All things great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.
Christian Hymn

Give us the grace to see all animals as
gifts from You

and to treat them with respect
for they are Your creation.
We pray for all animals
who are suffering as a result of our
neglect. May the order You originally
established be once again restored to the
whole world.

St. Francis of Assisi, Christian

Each of the creatures is a sign of God,
and it was by the grace of the Lord and
his power that each did step into the
world.

Abdu'l-Bahá



DAY 8 OUR ENVIRONMENT

We pray that we can develop a deep and abiding respect for the natural world

Eternal Father, Source of life and light,
Whose love extends to all people, all
creatures, all things; grant us that
reverence for life which becomes those
who believe in you, lest we despise it,
degrade it, or come callously to destroy
it.

Robert Runcie, Christian

Kiss the Earth with your feet.
Bring the Earth your love and happiness.
The Earth will be safe when we feel safe
in ourselves

Tich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist

Walk cheerfully over the world,
Answering that of God in everyone.
George Fox, Quaker, Launceston Prison, 1656

Nature's beauty is an art of God. Let us
feel the touch of God's invisible hands in
everything beautiful. By the first touch of
His hand rivers throb and ripple. When
He smiles the sun shines, the moon
glimmers, the stars twinkle, the flowers
bloom. By the first rays of the rising sun,
the universe is stirred; the shining gold is
sprinkled on the smiling buds of rose; the
fragrant air is filled with sweet melodies
of singing birds, the dawn is the dream of
God's creative fancy.

Rig Veda 1.6.3, Hindu

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2010 Millie Mittoo Childrens' Project - Working to provide female orphans in Pakistan with the best possible foundation to achieve happy and fulfilled lives

2011 The International School of Storytelling-Healing Words Festival – *“sharing stories and playing together can be the beginning of a healing process of peace”*

2012 Young Stars - young people working against gang culture in London

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FAITH LEADERS' STATEMENT

- ❖ *We affirm that the peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world*
- ❖ *We acknowledge that love and compassion are the foundations on which each of our faith traditions is built*
- ❖ *We pledge to set an example by working together to foster a spirit of friendship, understanding and peace between all our communities and to encourage members of our communities to do likewise*

Signed by:

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The vision we have for the The World Peace Pathway we are creating is that it will bring people from all backgrounds and traditions together and act as a focal point to help realise the pledge made in this statement. We were delighted to issue this statement on 7th February 2013, in support of World Interfaith Harmony Week.