



Prayers for Humanity and Peace



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Baha'i World Faith, Prayer for Humanity

O Thou compassionate Lord, Thou Who art generous and able! We are servants of Thine sheltered beneath Thy providence. Cast Thy glance of favor upon us. Give light to our eyes, hearing to our ears, and understanding and love to our hearts. Render our souls joyous and happy through Thy glad tidings. O Lord! Point out to us the pathway of Thy kingdom and resuscitate all of us through the breaths of the Holy Spirit. Bestow upon us life everlasting and confer upon us never-ending honor. Unify mankind and illumine the world of humanity.

May we all follow Thy pathway, long for Thy good pleasure and seek the mysteries of Thy kingdom. O God! Unite us and connect our hearts with Thy indissoluble bond. Verily, Thou art the giver, Thou art the Kind One and Thou art the Almighty.

O God! Let his American democracy become glorious in spiritual degrees even as it has aspired to material degrees, and render victorious a just government.

Confirm this revered nation to upraise the standard of the oneness of humanity, to promulgate the Most Great Peace, to become thereby most glorious and praiseworthy among all the nations of the world.

O God! This American nation is worthy of Thy favors and is deserving of Thy mercy. Make it precious and near to Thee through Thy bounty and bestowal.

Tibetan Wind Horse Prayer

As Wind carries our prayers for Earth and All Life, may respect and love light our way. May our hearts be filled with compassion for others and for ourselves.

May peace increase on Earth. May it begin with me.

- Tibetan prayer flag is 'Lung ta', meaning 'Wind Horse'

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.*

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; where there is sadness, joy. O, 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; it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life. (St Francis)

Jewish Prayers for Peace

By: Education for Justice

*May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease
when a great peace will embrace the whole world
Then nation shall not threaten nation
and humankind will not again know war.*

*For all who live on earth shall realize
we have not come into being to hate or destroy We have come into being to
praise, to labour and to love.*

Compassionate God, bless all the leaders of all nations

*with the power of compassion. Fulfill the promise conveyed in Scripture: "I will
bring peace to the land,*

*and you shall lie down and no one shall terrify you. I will rid the land of vicious
beasts*

and it shall not be ravaged by war."

*Let love and justice flow like a mighty stream. Let peace fill the earth as the
waters fill the sea. And let us say: Amen*

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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 ploughshares, 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.*

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 towards 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 the Earth in
humility, and when we address them, we say "PEACE."*

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.*

Hindu Prayers 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.*

Jainist 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, be superior to non-violence and love.

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 you provide for us on this Earth.*

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.

Sikh Prayers for Peace

*God judges 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.

Sufi Prayer for Peace

*O Almighty Sun, whose light clears away all clouds,
We take refuge in you. Guide of all people, God of all deities, Lord of all angels,
We pray you to dispel the mists of illusion from the hearts of the nations
And lift their lives by your all-sufficient power,
Your ever shining light, your everlasting life,
Your heavenly joy and your perfect peace.*

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.*

Baha'i prayer for Humanity

*O Thou kind Lord! Unite all. Let the religions agree and make the nations one,
so that they may see each other as one family and the whole earth as one
home. May they all live together in perfect harmony.*

O God! Raise aloft the banner of the oneness of mankind.

*O God! Establish the Most Great Peace. Cement Thou, O God, the hearts
together.*

*O Thou kind Father, God! Gladden our hearts through the fragrance of Thy
love. Brighten our eyes through the Light of Thy Guidance. Delight our ears
with the melody of Thy Word, and shelter us all in the Strong-hold of Thy
Providence.*

*O Thou kind Lord! Who art generous and merciful! We are the servants of Thy
threshold*

and are gathered beneath the sheltering shadow of Thy divine unity.

*The sun of Thy mercy is shining upon all,
and the clouds of Thy bounty shower upon all. Thy gifts encompass all,
Thy loving providence sustains all,
Thy protection overshadows all,*

*and the glances of Thy favor are cast upon all. O Lord! Grant Thine infinite
bestowals,*

*and let the light of Thy guidance shine. Illumine the eyes, gladden the hearts
with abiding joy.*

*Confer a new spirit upon all people
and bestow upon them eternal life. Unlock the gates of true understanding
and*

*Let the light of faith shine resplendent. Gather all people beneath the shadow
of thy bounty and cause them to unite in harmony,
so that they may become as rays of one sun,
as the waves of one ocean,
and as the fruit of one tree.
May they drink from the same fountain.*

*May they be refreshed by the same breeze. May they receive illumination
from the same source of light.*

Thou art the Giver, the Merciful, the Omnipotent.



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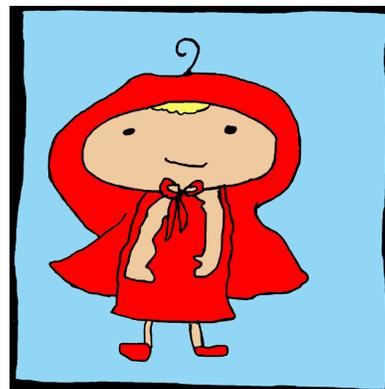
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