

The 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.

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 to eternal life.

Baha'i Prayer for Peace

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity.

Be fair in judgment, 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 humankind, a dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

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 wilderness – the children, the aged, the unprotected – be guarded by beneficial celestials, and may they swiftly attain Buddhahood.

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 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.

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.

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 inclines towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust God, for the Lord is the one that hears and knows all things. And of 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.

Native American Prayer for Peace

Oh 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 of mind.

Let us learn to share all good things that you provide for us on this Earth.

Shinto Prayer for Peace

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

Sikh Prayer for Peace

God judges us according to our deeds, not the coat that we wear.

Truth is above everything, but higher still is truthful living.

Know that we attain God when we love, and only victory endures in consequences of which no one is defeated.

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 that strike you on the cheek, offer the other one 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 for them again.*

And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

Peace is possible!

Mary Caroline Richards said: *'Love is not a doctrine.*

Peace is not an international agreement.

Love and Peace are beings who live as possibilities in us'.

Peace be with you and all those around you.