

Prayers for Peace

Hindu - Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real, from darkness to light, from death to immortality. God's peace, peace, peace to all.

Buddhist - May all beings everywhere be happy, peaceful, and free.

Zoroastrian - We pray to God that understanding will triumph over ignorance, that generosity will triumph over indifference, that trust will triumph over contempt, and that truth will triumph over falsehood.

Jain - Peace and universal love is the essence of all the teachings. Forgive do I creatures all, and let all creatures forgive me.

Confucian - First there must be order and harmony within your own heart. Only then can there be peace and harmony in the world.

Jewish - Oh come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we will beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks.

Shinto - We earnestly wish that the wind will soon puff away all the clouds hanging over the tops of the mountains.

Native African - For you are one who does not hesitate to respond to our call, you are the cornerstone of peace.

Native American - Give us the wisdom to teach our children to love, to respect and to be kind to one another that we may grow with peace in mind.

Muslim - 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 despise each other.

Bahá'í - Be a breath of life unto the body of humankind a dew upon the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility.

Christian - Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. Blessed be the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God.

Sikh - Know that we find God when we love, and only that victory endures in consequence of which no one is defeated.