

PRAYERS FOR PEACE FROM VARIOUS RELIGIONS

(in alphabetical order)

Ancient Mantram/Invocation

O Lord of Light & Love, come forth and rule the world.
May the Prince of Peace appear and end the warring of the nations.
May the reign of Light and Love and Justice be begun.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with us.

Baha'i Prayer for Peace

Be generous in prosperity and thankful in adversity.
Be fair in thy 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 upon 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 wildernesses - the
children, the aged, the unprotected - be guarded by beneficent
celestials, and may they quickly attain Buddhahood.

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 you, do so to them.

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.
O 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.

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.
Nations 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 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 I

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 II

O Great spirit of our Ancestors, I raise my pipe to you;
To your messengers in 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 good things that 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 Prayer for Peace

God adjudges us according to our deeds, not the clothes that we wear;
That truth is above everything, but higher still is truthful living.
Know that we attain God when we love, and only that victory endures in
consequences of which no one is defeated.

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.