

How Shall We Serve in a **Multifaith** *World?*

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PEACE PRAYERS of the WORLD RELIGIONS Recited by 200 leaders of world religions in Assisi after 9/11, in January, 2002.

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, bring your faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, bring your light.
Where there is sadness, bring your joy.

Divine Master, grant that I may not seek to be consoled
as to console.
Grant that I may not seek to be understood, as to understand.
Lord, grant that I may not seek 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 to self that we are born to eternal life.

HINDU PRAYER FOR PEACE

Shanti is Sanskrit for the "peace which surpasses understanding."

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.

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.

ZOROASTRIAN PRAYER FOR PEACE

We pray to God to eradicate 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.

JAIN PRAYER FOR PEACE

“Dharma” translates as “essential quality or character”
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. 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.

SHINTO PRAYER FOR PEACE

Although the people living across the ocean surrounding us, I believe are 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.

NATIVE AFRICAN PRAYER OF 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 ever 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

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 good things that you provide for us on this Earth.

SIKH PRAYER FOR PEACE

God adjudges us according to our deeds, not the coat 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 consequence of which no one is defeated.

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 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 the earth in humility, and when we address them, we say “PEACE.”

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 to 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 on the tree of humility.

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.