

# Interfaith Prayers for Peace

"Like the bee gathering honey from the different flowers, the wise person accepts the essence of the different scriptures and sees only the good in all religions.

- Mahatma Gandhi



## 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  
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 wildernesses—  
the children, the aged, the unprotected---  
be guarded by beneficent celestials,  
and may they swiftly 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 to you, do so to them.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 rockmass 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 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

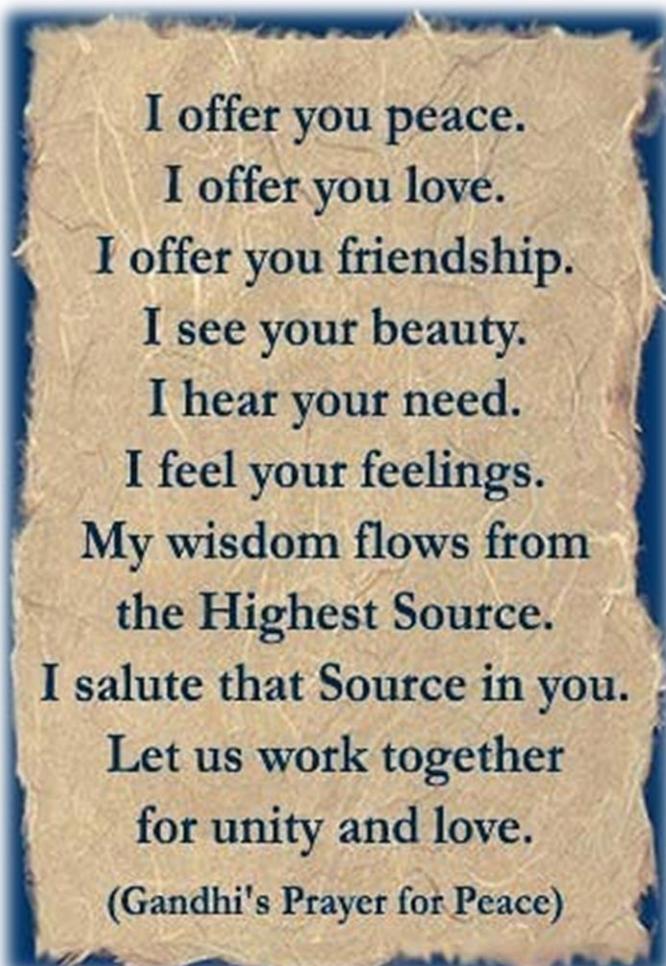
God adjudges us according to our deeds, not the coat that we wear:  
that Truth is above everything, but higher still is truthful living.  
Know that we attaineth God when we loveth,  
and only that victory endures in consequence of which no one is defeated.  
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## 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.



**I offer you peace.  
I offer you love.  
I offer you friendship.  
I see your beauty.  
I hear your need.  
I feel your feelings.  
My wisdom flows from  
the Highest Source.  
I salute that Source in you.  
Let us work together  
for unity and love.**

**(Gandhi's Prayer for Peace)**