



## THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth  
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust  
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe

# Shared Faith Worship

Although it was a Christian initiative that led to the founding of the Week of Prayer for World Peace in 1974, it soon became an inter faith activity, and now welcomes everyone, of all faith traditions or none, to take part. Our first Chairman, the late Dr Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster Abbey, established the guiding principle of the Week in the words “The peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world”, and this is still the basis of our work today.

For those who want to persevere with the idea of praying with people of other faiths, three thoughts may be helpful. First, the different prayers that we say are said by neighbours in the same town and the same street every week and by worshipping together we simply bring under one roof what happens anyway under the same sky. Secondly, we are convinced that there is only one humanity that prays, and one Divinity that we pray to, whatever different opinions we may have about that one Divinity. Thirdly, we recognise that inter faith partnership does not itself imply agreement.

The things we agree on are many, and precious. The things we disagree on are precious too. When we stand with a follower of another faith who is praying, whenever we can agree with the prayer, we give it our interior assent. Where we cannot agree, we withhold our interior assent. It is still good to stand with that person as a friend and as a partner for peace.

***The Week of Prayer for World Peace 2016 is 16th to 23rd October 2016 .  
Please use this leaflet of prayers and reflections during this week and at any time you would like***

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## DAY ONE

*Courage to face up to the challenges of peace-making*

***We pray for the resolve to undertake the task of peace-making even when the outcome may appear uncertain***

Therefore, it is our duty to put forth our greatest efforts and summon all our energies in order that the bonds of unity and accord may be established among mankind. For thousands of years we have had bloodshed and strife. It is enough; it is sufficient. Now is the time to associate together in love and harmony. For thousands of years we have tried the sword and warfare; let mankind for a time at least live in peace.

***'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í Faith***

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***



## DAY TWO

*Peace Education*

***We ask that all children be taught peaceful non-violent methods of conflict resolution***

We pray to the Spirit of Wisdom to eradicate all the misery in the world, that understanding triumph over ignorance, that generosity triumph over contempt, and that truth triumph over falsehood.

***Zoroastrian***

Peace begins with a smile.

***Mother Teresa***

Peace is the change that you and I can make here and now by the way we think, speak, feel and act to create harmony in our daily life and relationships.

***World Peace Flame Foundation***

When your life is filled with the desire to see the holiness in everyday life, something magical happens: ordinary life becomes extraordinary, and the very process of life begins to nourish your soul.

***Jewish, Rabbi Harold Kushner***

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. I forgive all creatures, and may 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, however powerful it may be, can always be superseded by a superior one; but no weapon can be superior to nonviolence and love.

***Jain***

..And when a man sees that the God in himself is the same God in all that is, he hurts not himself by hurting others: then he goes indeed to the highest Path.

***Hindu, The Bhagavad Gita***



## DAY THREE

### *Refugees*

***We pray for a world where everyone may feel safe and secure  
wherever they live***

Let us hold in remembrance before God all who suffer from war, and are far from home: prisoners, immigrants, exiles, refugees and all who seek sanctuary that God will be the shelter of their lives and souls, and help us to build communities of welcome, hospitality and sanctuary for all.

***Revd Inderjit Bhogal, commemorating  
100 years of Conscientious Objectors  
1916 – 2016.***

The humble, meek, merciful, just, pious and devout souls everywhere are of one religion and when death has taken off the mask, they will know one another, though the diverse liveries they wore here make them strangers.

***William Penn, Quaker***

We have appointed a law and a practice for every one of you. Had God willed, He would have made you a single community, but He wanted to test you regarding what has come to you. So compete with each other in doing good. Every one of you will return to God and He will inform you regarding the things about which you differed.

***Muslim, The Koran***

Triumph over discord, may generosity triumph over niggardliness, may love triumph over contempt, may truth triumph over falsehood.

***Zoroastrian***



## DAY FOUR

***Grant us the wisdom and compassion to respect our animals and wildlife***

We pray for an end to cruelty, whether to humans or other animals, for an end to bullying, and torture in all its forms.

We pray that we may learn the peace that comes with forgiving  
and the strength we gain in loving;  
that we may learn to take nothing for granted in this life;  
that we may learn to see and understand with our hearts;  
that we may learn to rejoice in our being.  
We pray for these things with humility;

We pray because of the hope that is within us,

and because of a faith in the ultimate triumph of the human spirit;

We pray because of our love for Creation, and because of our trust in God.

We pray, above all, for peace throughout the world.

***Dr. Jane Goodall***

Have contentment in your mind and compassion towards all beings.

***Sikh***

Help me to play my part, however humble, in the diffusion of goodness.

***Zoroastrian***



## DAY FIVE

### *Children and Young People*

***We pray that our societies may provide hope and encouragement  
for all our young people***

Please reach out to all the child soldiers throughout the world. Help give them the chance to live a normal healthy life. Help their governments stabilize, and put the violence that surrounds them to rest. Also help the child soldiers become closer to you, and find forgiveness in themselves for the acts they committed. Amen.

***Christian***

Faith is opening the door and allowing the universe to step through.

We all have wounds; a change of perspective makes them gifts.

We all have a path to tread, accept it joyfully,

It is your blessing and your teacher.

Trust is accepting life is beyond my control.

Let life carve me as the river carves the mountains

Give me deep valleys of experience  
And high peaks of expanded awareness.  
Let me walk this trail with eyes wide open  
With the sun and wind and the rain upon my face

Let me taste life and when I die

Let me know that I have lived.

***Harry Corder Greaves, Quaker, aged 29,  
written shortly before his accidental  
death in Peru, 2016***



## DAY SIX

***We pray that our leaders always act honourably and with integrity,  
governing for the benefit of all***

Lord of Peace, be with those who guide the destinies of the world so that an end may come to boasting and vainglory and the reign of arrogance dwindle in our time, so that we may stand upright, freed from the burden of fear and the weight of suspicion, learning to trust each other.

***Jewish***

We have enjoined upon all mankind to establish the Most Great Peace – the surest of all means for the protection of humanity. The sovereigns of the world should, with one accord, hold fast thereunto, for this is the supreme instrument that can ensure

the security and welfare of all peoples and nations. They, verily, are the manifestations of the power of God and the daysprings of His authority. We beseech the Almighty that He may graciously assist them in that which is conducive to the well-being of their subjects

***Bahá'u'lláh, Bahá'í Faith***

We pray for 'all those to have established and are maintaining the right to refuse to kill.'

***Memorial to Conscientious Objectors***



## DAY SEVEN

### *Those Working in Conflict Areas*

***Let us remember all those who sacrifice their own comfort and security to help others in dangerous situations***

“Faith, hope and charity, but the greatest of these is charity.” Father, bless those who see the plight of refugees, and who are meeting those needs. For those who are exhausted, give them renewed strength; For those who feel overwhelmed, give them courage; For those who feel fearful, we pray for peace and compassion.

***Christian, Mothers’ Union***

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.

***Christian, Mathew 25:40***

May I be a guard for those who need protection  
A guide for those on the path  
A boat, a raft, a bridge for those who wish to cross the flood  
May I be a lamp in the darkness

A resting place for the weary  
A healing medicine for all who are sick  
A vase of plenty, a tree of miracles  
And for the boundless multitudes of living beings

May I bring sustenance and awakening  
Enduring like the earth and sky  
Until all beings are freed from sorrow  
And all are awakened

***Buddhist***

No-one can find inner peace except by working, not in a self-centred way, but for the whole human family.

***Peace Pilgrim***

Being truly merciful is to see everyone, including those who commit violence, as a child of God, with original goodness.

***Brahma Kumaris***



## DAY EIGHT

### *The Environment*

***Give us the wisdom to conserve rather than plunder the abundance of our beautiful planet***

We gently caress you, the Earth, our planet and our home.

Our vision has brought us closer to you, making us aware of the harm we have done to the life-network upon which we ourselves depend.

We are reminded that we have poisoned your waters, your lands, your air.

We have filled you with the bones of our dead from war and greed.

Your pain is our pain.

Touching you gently, we pray that we may

become peace-bringers and life-bringers so that our home in its journey around the Sun not become a sterile and lonely place.

May this prayer and its power last forever.

***Buddhist***

Those who are closest to Allah’s heart are those who walk gently on the earth and when the ignorant address them as ‘fool’, they reply ‘peace’.

***Muslim***

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An interfaith gathering of prayer and peace  
will be held

*Sunday 23rd October 2.30 pm*

Westminster Quaker Meeting House

52 St Martin's Lane

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Nearest Tube stations are Leicester Square and Charing Cross

*ALL WELCOME!*

# Announcement of the 2016 Wilson/ Hinkes Peace Award

*This Award was established by the Week of Prayer for World Peace (WPWP) to recognise significant contributions by individuals, organisations or projects in furthering peace, justice and reconciliation.*

*Named in honour of Revd. Gordon Wilson and Revd. Sidney Hinkes, both former Chairs of the WPWP, the Award is made annually. This year it is sponsored by the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.*

*The Award focuses on grassroots initiatives. It enables otherwise often untold stories to be told and honoured and seeks to inspire others.*

*We are now seeking nominations for the 2016 Award, to be presented during the Week of Prayer for World Peace on 23 October 2016 at the national service which this year will be at the Westminster Quaker Meeting House. The value of the Award is £500. Nominations in the form of a letter describing the nominee's contribution to peace and justice issues should be sent to the WPWP Committee members: Sue Gale [billandsuegale@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:billandsuegale@blueyonder.co.uk) and Sue Claydon [vicechair@anglicanpeacemakers.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@anglicanpeacemakers.org.uk) by **31 August 2016**.*

## WPWP 42nd Year!

*Sunday 16th October to  
Sunday 23rd October 2016*

*Please join in and together, from the depth of our hearts, let's  
send out a united prayer for peace for ourselves, our  
communities and all parts of the world*