

## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

### Hinduism

May there be peace in the higher regions;  
May there be peace in the firmament;  
May there be peace on earth.  
May the waters flow peacefully;  
May all the divine powers bring unto us peace;  
The supreme Lord is peace.  
May we all be in peace, peace, and only peace;  
And may that peace come unto each of us.

~ *The Vedas*

### Judaism

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.

~ *Isaiah 2:4*

### Shinto

Declaration of Faith  
Commitment of Life Devotion  
Kei Shin Seikatsu No Koryo,  
I am grateful for the blessings of the kami  
and my ancestors and will practice my faith with  
brightness, purity, and sincerity.  
I will dedicate myself to serve and benefit the world  
and all peoples.  
I will fulfill my life mission as guided by the kami,  
dedicating myself with sincerity to achieve peace  
for the world and for my nation.  
From my heart, I will humbly follow and respect  
the kami, praying for harmony, prosperity, and peace  
for all nations of the world.

~ *Konkokyo*

### Taoism

Empty yourself of everything.  
Let the mind rest at peace.  
The ten thousand things rise and fall while the Self  
watches their return.  
They grow and flourish and then return to the  
source.  
Returning to the source is stillness, which is the  
way of nature.

~ *Lao Tsu*

### Buddhism

May creatures all abound in weal and peace;  
May all be blessed with peace always;  
All creatures weak or strong,  
All creatures great and small,  
Creatures unseen or seen,  
Dwelling afar or near,  
Born or awaiting birth,  
May all be blessed with peace!

~ *Sutta Nipata*

### Christianity

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

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
Amen.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

### Islam

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 inclines 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".

~ *Quran 49:13*

### Sikhism

God bless us with peace of mind, tranquility, and prosperity.  
By Thy grace and divinity, give us peace of mind, peace of heart,  
Peaceful living and peaceful environments. Give planet Earth a  
Peaceful time. May the drums of war start the drums of peace.  
Sing the glory of Thee and all of the humanity. We pray to Thee,  
Bring us and make us capable to preserve the peace on the  
Planet Earth. Sat Nam.

~ *Yogi Bhajan, Sikh Dharma International*

### African Faiths

O God, thou hast let me pass the night in peace;  
Let me pass the day in peace.  
Wherever I may go upon my way which thou hast  
Made peaceable for me, O God, lead my steps.  
When I have spoken, keep off calumny from me.  
When I am hungry, keep me from murmuring.  
When I am satisfied, keep me from pride.

Calling upon thee, I pass the day,  
O Lord who hast no Lord.

*~ Boran from Kenya*

### Native American Faiths

Let us know peace.  
For as long as the moon shall rise,  
For as long as the rivers shall flow,  
For as long as the sun shall shine,  
For as long as the grass shall grow,  
Let us know peace.

*~ Cheyenne*

### Other Known Faiths: Spiritual

Brothers, sisters, all God's children  
Let us live in Peace as One  
Let us share the universal blessings  
Of the earth and of the sun

Walk together, talk together  
Let love fill all days to come  
Let Divine Light shine within us  
Let us live in Peace as One

*~ Stephen Longfellow Fiske*

### Other Known Faiths: Secular

Celtic Peace Prayer from Antiquity

Deep peace of the running water to you.  
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.  
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.  
Deep peace of the shades of night to you.  
Moon and stars always giving light to you.