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WORLD RELIGION DAY

Over the past few years, many of us have witnessed the unfortunate normalization of divisiveness, cancel culture, and intolerance. This posture has resulted in many of us not only giving up on one another, but also a refusal to learn, listen, and glean from what one culture may be able to contribute to another. This can often leave us with feelings of isolation, misunderstanding, and feeling underrepresentation.

However, World Religion Day hopes to break through that darkness and isolation with a day of light where all can come together and bond over their shared principles of hope, faith, and love.

Please join us today, 1/16, and celebrate our similarities and our differences, no matter the religion that we serve. In honor of this beautiful holiday, please see below for some beautiful prayers from various religions. If you have a prayer from your religion that you would like to share, please add it to the comments on In Our Circle or email brooke.chhina@providence.org. Today, we chose to honor all forms of spirit, love, compassion, and humanity. We hope you join us.

EVENT DETAILS



DATE:
January 16, 2022



TIME:
All Day



HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
If you have a prayer
to share, email:
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Prayers

A HINDU PEACE PRAYER

I desire neither earthly kingdom, nor even freedom from birth and death.
I desire only the deliverance from grief of all those afflicted by misery.
Oh Lord, lead us from the unreal to the real; from darkness to light; from death to immortality.
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 your wisdom spread peace all through the world.
May all things be a source of peace to all and to me.
Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti (Peace, peace, peace).

-M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

TRADITIONAL BUDDHIST PRAYER

May all beings have happiness and the causes of happiness;
May all be free from sorrow and the causes of sorrow;
May all never be separated from the sacred happiness which is sorrowless;
And may all live in equanimity, without too much attachment and too much aversion,
And live believing in the equality of all that lives.

- Author Unknown

MUSLIM PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God! O our master! You are eternal life and everlasting peace by Your essence and attributes. The everlasting peace is from You and it returns to You. O our Sustainer! Grant us the life of true peace and usher us into the abode of peace. O Glorious and Bounteous One! You are blessed and sublime.

Amen.

CONFUCIANISM- THE PRAYER

In the cinnamon-scented tower
Above the Palace of Van Thi (Confucius)
Nighty-five incarnation
Sowing charmed poetic seeds.
Hundred Thousand transformations
Manifested lighting quick,
And miraculous as a mountain of pheasants,
Always persevering
Expressing a mountain of goodwill
The goal to cultivate virtue,
Bringing honor to parents and Country.
Intuiting in dreams the way of service
To one another.
Having compassion for the miserable,
Building humaneness and piety,
Becoming saintly through compassion,
Cultivating mind and honor.
Piety, virtue, faithfulness, compassion;
Even treasure to a king.
These are the attributes of Confucianism.
Confucius engendered prosperity
Of the human spirit.
As a lord who lifts his people.
Through purification he gained his insights,
As well as sincerity and equanimity,
And was sainted therefore
With deep wisdom and unbounded humanity.

A CHRISTIAN PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND

Almighty God, We bless you for our lives, we give you praise for your abundant mercy and grace we receive. We thank you for your faithfulness even though we are not that faithful to you.
Lord Jesus, we ask you to give us all around peace in our mind, body, soul and spirit. We want you to heal and remove everything that is causing stress, grief, and sorrow in our lives.
Please guide our path through life and make our enemies be at peace with us. Let your peace reign in our family, at our place of work, businesses and everything we lay our hands on.
Let your angels of peace go ahead of us when we go out and stay by our side when we return. In Jesus' name,

- Author Unknown

TAOISM PEACE PRAYER

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.
If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.
If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.
If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.
If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.

- Lao-tsu

A JEWISH PRAYER FOR PEACE

Come, let us go 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.

- Author Unknown