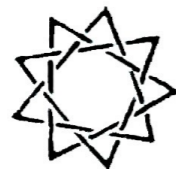


Day 7

Animals



May we always be mindful of the beauty of God's creatures

Have you not considered that all that is between the heavens and the earth glorifies God and that the birds spread their wings in the air to glorify God? He knows everyone's prayers and praising; God has absolute knowledge of what they do.

Muslim, Qu'ran ch. 24

Have contentment in your mind and compassion towards all beings.

Sikh, Adi Granth

To blessed animals the utmost kindness must be shown, the more the better. Tenderness and loving-kindness are basic principles of God's heavenly Kingdom. We should most carefully bear this matter in mind.

Bahá'í, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

May all beings be happy and at their ease, free from pain, fear, distress or enmity; untroubled, well, unharmed, in peace.

Buddhist

Day 8

The Natural World



Let us be mindful that the earth is not ours to own, and may we be its conscientious caretakers

Love is the only reality and it is not a mere sentiment. It is the ultimate truth that lies at the heart of creation.

Rabindranath Tagore

This symbolic Pathway is an expression of our shared humanity. We are created to cooperate together for the common good to make this a world where caring and sharing matter more than things, where tolerance and understanding are fostered and justice brings hope and security to all.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu about the World Peace Pathway in The Hague, World Peace Flame

He laid the earth for His creatures, with all its fruits and blossom-bearing palm, chaff-covered grain and scented herbs. Which of our Lord's blessings would you deny?

Muslim, Qu'ran ch. 55

If the world is to survive we have to imbibe more from the heart of Jesus and the heart of Krishna and the heart of Mohammed and your heart and mine.

Mansukh Patel, co-founder World Peace Flame

Week of Prayer for World Peace

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. The first Chairperson, the late Edward Carpenter, former Dean of Westminster, 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 different 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. In worshipping together we are simply bringing under one roof what is happening already under the same sky. Secondly, we are convinced that there is only one humanity that prays, and only one Divinity that we pray to, whatever different perceptions 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, wherever we can agree with the prayer, we give our interior assent. When 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.

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St Francis of Assisi's Prayer for Peace

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;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Day 1

Truth



We pray for the ability to align our words, thoughts and deeds in truth

... truth is reached in the hearts of people beyond words.

George Fox

Take heed, dear Friends, to the promptings of love and truth in your hearts. Trust them as the leadings of God whose Light shows us our darkness and brings us to new life.

Quaker Advice & Queries No. 1

On three noble ideals be ever intent:
The good thought well thought,
The good word well spoken,
The good deed well done.

Zoroastrian

Beauty is truth, truth beauty, that is all ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.

John Keats

When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they seem invincible, but in the end, they always fall – think of it, always.

Mahatma Gandhi

Day 2

Friendship



May all our communities blossom with the warmth of friendship

Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person; having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words, but to pour them all out as they are, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping, and then, with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away.

George Eliot

Love me when I least deserve it, because that's when I really need it.

Sikh

A Friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature.

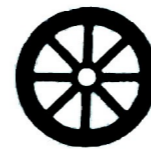
Ralph Waldo Emerson

Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.

Dalai Lama

Day 3

Unity



May we understand the unity behind all perceived diversity

O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy great purpose. May they follow Thy commandments and abide in Thy law. Help them, O God, in their endeavour, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God! Leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Thy knowledge, and cheer their hearts by Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord.

Bahá'í, 'Abdu'l-Bahá

Let us pray that all living beings realise that they are all brothers and sisters, nourished from the same source of life. Let us pray that we ourselves cease to be the cause of suffering to each other. Let us pray for the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth.

Buddhist, Thich Nhat Hahn

Day 4

Serving Others



Remember that true fulfilment comes when we work for others

The Talmud refers to a certain Rabbi Baruqa of Huza who asked the prophet Elijah "Is there anyone among all these people who will have a share in the World to Come?" Elijah answered, "There is none." Later, two men came to the market place, and Elijah said to Rabbi Baruqa "These two will have a share in the world to come." Rabbi Baruqa asked the newcomers, "What is your occupation?" They replied, "We are clowns. When we see someone who is sad we cheer him up. When we see two people quarrelling we try to make peace between them."

Jewish, Sidney Shipton, former WPWP President

When you came into this world, you cried and everyone else smiled. You should so live your life that when you leave, everyone else will cry, but you will be smiling.

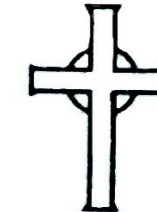
Hindu, Paramahansa Yogananda

Happiness comes to those who bring happiness to others.

Zoroastrian

Day 5

Peace



We pray for peace in ourselves, our communities, nations and in the world

Peace I leave you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Christian, John 14 v 27

Peace consists of pure thought, pure feelings and pure wishes. When the energy of thought, word and action is balanced, stable and non-violent, the individual is at peace with the self, in relationships and with the world.

Brahma Kumaris

Can you put a price on peace? Imagine where we would be without technology – Where? A world with greed and arrogance, but where there are starving innocent children. How can this be when we are meant to be the next generation? How? We cannot put a price on peace, a price on life, a price on hope. Hope, hope for a new life, a new beginning. How can this be where there are no second chances in life, just greed? Peace. How can you put a price on that?

Ruby Worrall, age 12

Day 6

Nurture



May we remember to take time to nurture ourselves and others

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Christian, Jewish, Psalm 23

Letting go of everything else, with your whole heart take refuge in Me, for I will free you from everything that causes you pain. There is no need for fear or worry.

Hindu, Bhagavad Gita, ch. 18 vs. 66