

Various Poignant Peace Quotes:

Anon: "When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."
Spotted on a bumper sticker in Syracuse NY.

Itah Banda, age 8: "Let's peace together our world."

Amelia Earhart: "Courage is the price that life exacts for granting peace."

Ursula Franklin: "Peace is not the absence of war. It is the presence of justice and the absence of fear."

Mahatma Gandhi

"The pursuit of truth does not permit violence being inflicted on one's opponent."

"Be the peace you wish for the world."

Jagad Guru:

"Without respect for people of different races or ethnicities or religions, how can we have a peaceful and harmonious society or world? And without a harmonious society, how can there be the necessary economic development and atmosphere conducive to spiritual happiness and self-realization?"

Thich Nhat Hanh: Buddhist monk and peace activist: "How do you want to create peace, if there is no peace inside yourselves?"

Martin Luther King, Jr.: "We must learn to live together as brothers, or we are going to perish together as fools."

Kolki: "When religions coexist, leaders communicate, media respect neutrality, laws not blinded by immunity, and citizens' needs take precedence over profitability - peace becomes reality, world lives in harmony."

Hans Küng: "There will be peace on earth when there is peace among the world religions."

John Lennon:

"Imagine there's no countries. It isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for, no religion too. Imagine all the people living life in peace. ..." (From his song "Imagine.")

Golda Meir: "There will be peace in the Middle East only when the Arabs love their children more than they hate Israel." (The reverse is also a precondition to peace.)

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, addressing the *World Evangelical Fellowship* on 2001-MAY-04. "Once started, religious strife has a tendency to go on and on, to become permanent feuds. Today we see such intractable inter-religious wars in Northern Ireland, between Jews and Muslims and Christians in Palestine, Hindus and Muslims in South Asia and in many other places. Attempts to bring about peace have failed again and again. Always the extremist elements invoking past injustices, imagined or real, will succeed in torpedoing the peace efforts and bringing about another bout of hostility."

Fr. Oscar Romero: "Peace is not the product of terror or fear. Peace is not the silence of cemeteries. Peace is not the silent result of violent repression. Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity. It is a right and it is a duty."

Ramakrishna, a Hindu mystic: "God has made different religions to suit different aspirations, times and countries...one can reach God if one follows any of the paths with wholehearted devotion."

Chief Tecumseh of the Six Tribe Confederation: "Trouble no one about their religion, respect all in their views, and demand that they respect yours."

Ancient Japanese saying: "There are many paths up the Mountain, but the view of the moon from the top is the same."

Epicurus, Greek philosopher (c. 341-270 [BCE](#)) "If the gods listened to the prayers of men, all humankind would quickly perish since they constantly pray for many evils to befall one another."

Abraham Lincoln, at the time of the Civil War: "I'm driven to my knees by the conviction that I have nowhere else to go."

Carl Sagan: "Whenever our ethnic or national prejudices are aroused, in times of scarcity, during challenges to national self-esteem or nerve, when we agonize about our diminished cosmic place and purpose, or when fanaticism is bubbling up around us -- then, habits of thought familiar from ages past reach for the controls. The candle flame flutters. Its little pool of light trembles. Darkness gathers. The demons begin to stir."

A Few Songs for Peace:

Christian:

Da Pacem Cordium – (Taize)

Prayer of St. Francis

Let there be peace on Earth

Secular:

Imagine – John Lennon

If you are out there – John Legend

We shall overcome

Peace on Earth – U2

War/No more Trouble - Bob Marley