

TEXTS

In English • In order of appearance

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.
Amen.

Muslim Prayers for Peace

In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful...

But if the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in Allah. For He is One that hears and knows all things.

O mankind! We created you from a single male and female, and made you into nations and tribes, that you may know each other, not that you may despise each other. Truly, the most honored of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. And Allah has full knowledge and is well acquainted with all things.

And the servants of Allah Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in humility, and when the ignorant address them, they say, "Peace!"

Prayer of Saint Francis

O Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow charity; where there is injury, pardon; where there is error,

shall they train for war.

Only let all who dwell on earth clearly see the truth of truths, that we have come into this world not for strife and discord, not for hatred and envy, and not for rivalry and bloodshed. Rather we have come into this world to know and understand You. May You be blessed forever!

Libera nos

Deliver us, we beseech You, O Lord, from all evils, past, present and to come, and by the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of God, together with your blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, of Andrew and all the Saints, graciously grant peace in our days, that through the help of Your bountiful mercy we may always be free from sin and secure from all disturbance.

Psalm 133

Behold, how good it is, how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garment; as the dew of Hermon that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Building for the Future

May the memory of wars strengthen our efforts for peace. May the

the truth; where there is doubt, the 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 to ourselves that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

God of Mercy

God of Mercy, maker of love and peace, banish war from our world and wipe away our tears. Protect us from terror and violence, and keep us safe from weapons of hate. Help us to establish love, justice and peace, and so live truly as your holy people. We pray in the Spirit and the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Jewish Prayers for Peace

Come let us go up the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we shall beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation—neither shall they learn war anymore. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

May it be Your will to cause war and bloodshed to vanish from the earth; to let a great and wondrous peace prevail in all the world. So never again shall nation lift up sword against nation, nor ever again

memory of those who died inspire our service to the living. May the memory of past destruction move us to build for the future; O God of Peace, O Companion of our souls, O Builder of Love and Justice in this world.

Lord, we commit our time, our energy, our talents, our gifts, even our limitations, failures and very selves to the cause of justice, peace and human development. We join our lives with those who support the struggle for life. Amen.

To the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail Holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope; Hail!

What shall I call you, full of grace? I shall call you Heaven: for you have caused the Sun of justice to rise; Paradise: for in you has bloomed the flower of immortality; Virgin: for you have remained inviolate; Chaste Mother: for you have carried in your arms a Son, the God of all. Pray to Him who saves our souls.

O God You Are Peace (Muslim Prayer)

O God, You are peace. From You comes peace. To You returns peace. Revive us with a salutation of peace, and lead us to your abode of peace.