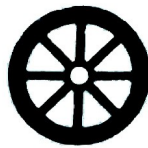


Day 7
Rest from Labour



Be at rest once more, O my soul.
— *(Psalm 116 v7)*

Pursue not the outer entanglements.
Dwell not in the inner void.
Be serene in the oneness of things.
— *(Buddhist, So-san)*

Leave then thy foolish ranges
For none can thee secure
But one who never changes,
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.
— *(Christian, Henry Vaughan)*

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who makest the bands of sleep to fall upon my eyes, and slumber upon my eyelids. May it be they will, O Lord my God and God of my fathers, to suffer me to lie down in peace and to let me rise up again in peace.
— *(Jewish)*

Day 8
A Thankful Heart



Give thanks to him and praise his name.
— *(Psalm 100 v4)*

As the rose unfolds its petals to the light of the sun,
So help me, Ahura Mazda (Lord of Light) to unfold
My heart to thy light.
— *(Zoroastrian)*

In the name of Allah, the most merciful, the most kind.
All praise is for Allah, the Lord of the Universe, the most merciful, the most kind.
— *(Muslim, Qur'an, ch.1)*

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be worthy of the trust of thy neighbour, and look upon him with a bright and friendly face.
— *(Bahá'í, 'Bahá'u'lláh)*

We pray for -

All weary people.

Those who are overworked and exploited.

People who make themselves work too hard, defeating the purpose of their work.

Those whose life has become an intolerable burden through suffering.

Those without freedom to live with dignity.

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 Chairman, 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 simply bring under one roof what happens anyway 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 opinions 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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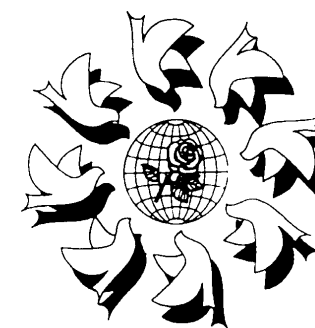
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Let there be Respect for the Earth,
Peace for its people, Love in our lives,
Delight in the good, Forgiveness of past wrongs,
And from now on, A new start.

THE INTERNATIONAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.
Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.
Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe.