

A PRAYER FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE

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All praises and thanks to God, The Creator and Lord of all that exists, and peace and blessings upon all of His Messengers.

O' our Lord, You are As-Salaam (The Peace) and the ultimate peace comes from You alone; we ask You to bless us all with peace and safety. [From the supplications of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) after the five obligatory, daily prayers]

We ask You, our Lord The Granter of security, to bless us and our families, our neighborhoods and communities, our nations and the world with everlasting peace and security.

You are the Creator of the heavens and the earth. You have created mankind in different colors, languages, nations and tribes so that we may get to know one another and live in harmony. The best among us in Your sight is the one who has the highest piety.
[Adapted from the Qur'an, the Muslim holy book, 30:22; 49:13]

O' our Lord The Just, make us among those who believe that you have created all people equally and that we are all brothers and sisters. Only You can help us live our lives accordingly.

We ask You, our Lord the Guide, to open the hearts and minds of mankind to value each and every human life, so that the bloodshed and destruction stop immediately. And we ask You, our Patient Lord, to grant patience to those who suffer from the destruction and violence committed by others. We ask You, the Compassionate Lord, to bestow Your mercy upon those who are suffering from disease, poverty, oppression, and war.

We ask You, God our Protector, to protect the oppressed and help them rebuild their lives and fill the hearts of the oppressors with mercy.

O' Lord, You are the Loving One, replace the hatred in our hearts with love, mercy, and compassion for even our worst enemies. Take away our arrogance and replace it with humility so that we may forgive and tolerate one another.

O' our Lord, give us patience during times of anger so that we may forgive those who treat us unjustly. O' Lord, make us among those faithful believers who respond to evil with something better. O' our Lord, help us follow Your teachings of patience and forgiveness, so that our worst enemies can become our closest friends.

[Adapted from the Qur'an, 41:34]

"Ameen"