

THINKING ABOUT PEACE

Selections Drawn 365 Quotations in Make A Minute for Peace
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The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life. *Jane Addams*

Peace begins when the hungry are fed. *Anonymous*

Peace is the work of justice indirectly, in so far as justice removes the obstacles to peace; but it is the work of charity (love) directly, since charity, according to its very notion, causes peace. *Thomas Aquinas*

Peace is not the product of a victory or a command. It has no finishing line, no final deadline, no fixed definition of achievement. Peace is a never-ending process, the work of many decisions. *Oscar Arias*

That's all nonviolence is - organized love. *Joan Baez*

Can I see another's woe, and not be in sorrow too? Can I see another's grief, and not seek for kind relief? *William Blake*

To see the world in a grain of sand and heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand and eternity in an hour. *William Blake*

There is no time left for anything but to make peace work a dimension of our every waking activity. *Elise Boulding*

We do not inherit the earth from our fathers. We borrow it from our children. *David Brower*

The pens which write against disarmament are made with the same steel from which guns are made. *Aristide Briand, French statesman, Nobel Peace Prize, 1926*

Better than a thousand hollow words, is one word that brings peace. *Buddha*

Until we have the courage to recognize cruelty for what it is--whether its victim is

human or animal--we cannot expect things to be much better in this world... We cannot have peace among men whose hearts delight in killing any living creature. By every act that glorifies or even tolerates such moronic delight in killing we set back the progress of humanity. *Rachel Carson*

The first principle of non-violent action is that of non-cooperation with everything humiliating. *Cesar Chavez*

If we do not change our direction we are likely to end up where we are headed for. *Chinese Proverb*

To know what is right and not to do it is the worst cowardice. *Confucius*

War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can invent peace with justice. *Norman Cousins*

To be nobody but yourself in a world which is doing its best day and night to make you everybody else, means to fight the hardest battle which any human being can fight, and never stop fighting. *e.e.cummings*

The hottest places in hell are reserved for those who, in times of great moral crisis, maintain their neutrality. *Dante*

No man is an island entire of itself ... any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee. *Dostoyevsky - The Brothers Karamazo*

Those for whom peace is no more than a dream are asleep to the future. *Jack DuVall*

We must be prepared to make heroic sacrifices for the cause of peace that we make ungrudgingly for the cause of war. There is no task that is more important or closer to my heart. *Albert Einstein*

Out of clutter, find simplicity. From discord, find harmony. In the middle of difficulty, lies opportunity. *Albert Einstein*

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. *St. Francis of Assisi*

We are going to have to find ways of organizing ourselves cooperatively, sanely, scientifically, harmonically and in regenerative spontaneity with the rest of humanity around the earth.... We are not going to be able to operate our spaceship earth successfully nor for much longer unless we see it as a whole spaceship and our fate as common. *Buckminster Fuller*

Peace we want because there is another war to fight against poverty, disease and ignorance. *Indira Gandhi, 1966*

We must be the change we wish to see. *Mahatma Gandhi*

We may never be strong enough to be entirely nonviolent in thought, word and deed. But we must keep nonviolence as our goal and make strong progress towards it. The Attainment of freedom, whether for a person, a nation or a world, must be in exact proportion to the attainment of nonviolence for each. *Mohandas Gandhi*

We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace. *Gladstone*

In all things it is better to hope than to despair. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*
Peace is a gift, It is a gift we give to ourselves, And then to each other. *Richard Goode Founder, "2 Billion Voices for Peace" project, Australia*

Women prevent the threads of life from being broken. The finest minds have always understood the peacemaking role of women. *Mikhail Gorbachev*

The pursuit of peace and progress cannot end in a few years in either victory or defeat. The pursuit of peace and progress, with its trials and errors, its successes and setbacks, can never be relaxed and never abandoned. *Dag Hammarskjold (1905-1961) Former UN General Secretary*

The peace process we all aim for will not necessarily be a result of the mere signing of a treaty or agreement. It must become a matter of our everyday lives, so that peace settles and lasts and becomes supported by everybody. We therefore have to give peace all the required care and preserve it and promote it. *King Hassan II of Morocco (1929-1999)*

Being a pacifist between wars is as easy as being a vegetarian between meals.
Ammon Hennacy, US Labor leader

A man may build himself a throne of bayonets, but he cannot sit on it. *William Ralph Inge*

It is in the shelter of each other that the people live. *Irish Proverb*

It is reasonable that every one who asks justice should do justice. *Thomas Jefferson*

I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do. *Helen Keller*

I do not want the peace which passeth understanding, I want the understanding which bringeth peace. *Helen Keller*

I'd like someone to mention the day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving others. I'd like somebody to say that day, that Martin Luther King tried to love somebody. I want you to say that day, that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try to feed the hungry . . . I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity. Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness . . . I want to leave a committed life behind. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner. *Nelson Mandela*

It is clear that the way to heal society of its violence . . . and lack of love is to replace the pyramid of domination with the circle of equality and respect.
Manitonquat

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it's the only thing that ever has. *Margaret Mead*

There is a certain kind of peace that is not merely the absence of war. It is larger than that. The peace I am thinking of is not at the mercy of history's rule, nor is it a passive surrender to the status quo. The peace I am thinking of is the dance of an open mind when it engages another equally open one -- an activity that occurs most naturally, most often in the reading/writing world we live in. Accessible as it is, this particular kind of peace warrants vigilance. *Toni Morrison, The Dancing Mind (1996)*

There is no way to peace. Peace is the way. *A.J. Muste*

We cannot have peace if we are only concerned with peace. War is not an accident. It is the logical outcome of a certain way of life. If we want to attack war, we have to attack that way of life. *A. J. Muste*

Lasting peace can come only to peaceful people. *Jawaharlal Nehru*

Poetry is an act of peace. Peace goes into the making of a poet as flour goes into the making of bread. *Pablo Neruda, Memoirs (Confieso Que He Vivido: Memorias) (1974)*

Whoever fights monsters should see to it that in the process he does not become a monster. And when you look into an abyss, the abyss also looks into you. *Friedrich Nietzsche*

If you want peace, work for justice. *Pope Paul VI*

Five enemies of peace inhabit with us--avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride; if these were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace. *Petrarch*

Do you want long life and happiness? Strive for peace with all your heart. *Psalms 34:12,14*

For as long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other. Indeed, he who sows the seed of murder and pain cannot reap joy and love. *Pythagoras*

In India when we meet and part we often say, "Namaste," which means: I honor

the place in you where the entire universe resides; I honor the place in you where the entire universe resides; I honor the place in you of love, of light, of truth, of peace. I honor the place within you where if you are in that place in you and I am in that place in me, there is only one of us..... "Namaste." *Ram Dass*

For it isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it. *Eleanor Roosevelt*

One must care about a world one will never see. *Bertrand Russell, 20th-century British mathematician and philosopher*

If you want to build a ship, don't drum up people to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work, but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea. *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye. *Antoine de Saint-Exupery*

Someday they'll give a war and nobody will come. *Carl Sandburg*

Until he extends the circle of compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace. *Albert Schweitzer*

You see things; and you say, "Why?" But I dream things that never were; and I say, "Why not?" *George Bernard Shaw*

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice. *Baruch Spinoza*

They make a desert and call it peace. *Tactitus*

To save one life, it is as if you had saved the world. *Talmud*

It is not your obligation to complete your work, but you are not at liberty to quit. *Talmud*

Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence. *Dorothy Thompson*

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. *Bishop Desmond Tutu*

Peace is an environment where conflicts are resolved without violence, where people are free, not exploited, living so they can grow to their full potential. *Gerard Vanderhaar*

You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom. *Malcolm X*