

## *WORLD PEACE POSSIBLE?*

*Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.*

Matthew 5:9 (CEB)

*The peace of Christ must control your hearts—a peace into which you were called in one body. And be thankful people.*

Colossians 3:15 (CEB)

How often have we been told that world peace begins with peace in our hearts. This thought and good news is meaningful and lifts our spirits. We learn we can contribute to world peace every day. We don't have to be diplomats or a high-ranking government official to play a role in moving the planet toward peace.

We only must remember to choose peace in every situation. Peace is far more than refraining from physical violence, but our TV news and social media provides more scenes of violence than is bearable for most of us. So, we must answer the questions, "Is Peace kinder thoughts and deeds?" Admittedly there is no consensus answer, but we must believe: Peace is giving the benefit of the doubt. Peace is honesty. Peace is trust. Peace is simple courtesy.

So often you and I can see the face of God in another human being and treat that person accordingly. When we see the divine visage and treat the person accordingly, we contribute to world peace. It is evident that world peace begins within everyone. I deeply believe my thoughts and prayers make a difference in the world. I join with each reader who worships with me in our Church Sanctuary and even on the streaming video. In turn, we are sharing with unknown and unseen persons in our communities, the country, and around the world. All of us must learn to envision peace on a global framework.

From my personal perspective, feeling peace relaxes my body and brings my heart to a sense of calm. I envision peace as a reality I can believe in. I trust divine ideas are flowing and being recognized by all who can contribute to world peace. If you and/or I find ourselves worrying, we are misusing our imagination. Rather than allow that to happen, I find myself "worrying" and "misusing my imagination." Rather, I attempt to envision the most positive circumstance conceivable.

Together we learn to breathe deeply and feel our connection with God. With body mind, and spirit, each of us contributes to world peace.

Is world peace possible? Hmm, I ~~wonder~~ believe!!

*Peace Always*

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