



World Interfaith Harmony Week

World Interfaith Harmony Week is an annual event observed during the first week of February, after UN General Assembly designation in 2010. Mutual understanding and interreligious dialogue constitute important dimensions of a culture of peace. Interfaith Harmony Week encourages peaceful coexistence among practitioners of various religious beliefs in an age of increasing political and social differences. We are reminded

that despite our differences, we are connected by acts of love and devotion. Common values of love, faith, and kindness easily outweigh our differences.

The **World Interfaith Harmony Week** was started in 2010 by HM King Abdullah II and HRH Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad of Jordan. The goal of the week-long celebration is to promote harmony among citizens of the world, regardless of their faith. It is a celebration of unity in diversity, and the divine connection between people and their faith. It initiated Muslim and Christian leaders coming together to discuss the two common fundamental religious teachings — **the love of God**, and **the love of the neighbor**. They have raised the question how can religion enrich the lives of believers and how can religion make the world a better place. World Interfaith Harmony Week also highlights the philanthropic works of religious groups. It encourages others to do similar work or get more involved in their communities.

A Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

AMEN