

PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Everyone dreams of a perfect world. A world where harmony exist wherein no crimes, no gossips, fighting, hating, anger, pride and others ruin our brighter view of how life really means. Yes! World peace! Everyone longs for it! Everyone wants to attain it! Everyone wants for it to reign. Usual questions are: But how? When? Will it ever come? ... Definitely it will!

To err is human and to forgive is divine. For me, forgiving is the highest form of loving. Even the Lord God forgave us for all our trespasses. What are we? Were just human beings capable and susceptible of sinning. How about applying the adage that tells us about forgiving and forgetting?

Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away. Even in the simplest ways you can be at peace with someone. Saying "I'm sorry" would I guess be the hardest word for someone who committed a sin, but I believe it is the best word you can use for admitting that you've mistaken and asks for forgiveness to the person you've wronged to. It's quite a heavy load when you know someone is angry at you. Before the sun sets, we must go to the person we err to and ask for forgiveness. A humble spirit will triumph but a haughty spirit goes before the fall.

Peace cannot be achieved through violence; it can only be attained through understanding. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. We forgotten that we can't live alone as the saying goes that "no man is an island, no man can stand alone" we need each other to attain our utmost goal. We must forget about individualism and selfishness. We must focus on the "Us" not "I". "We" not "Them".

Looking at televisions, we are bombarded by different scenes that can almost stuck us to the chair were sitting to! One of which is war! Wars between nations, fighting for their territory! Lives wasted, properties destroyed, famine envelopes the land, blood sheds, pitiful mourning cries are heard everywhere. Both lost, all fail, even if they succeed on their main goal yet precious lives can't be brought back anymore.

"Peace is the mother of progress". A country's condition can never improve if there are internal conflicts among its populace. Understanding and respect are extremely necessary to bring peace into the society.

Remembering the previous Hongkong bus tragedy wherein 8 Hongkong nationals died due to the hostage taking that happened here in the Philippines. A heat sparked between 2 nations, and a misunderstanding occurred. The sin of one man must not be given to the whole nation. It is unjust and unfair. It isn't easy to forgive but blaming a whole nation for the mistake of one is unjustifiable.

Peace is really needed. We must join hand in hand for us to be able to promote world peace. Cooperation must be fostered. Unity for one goal must be established. People must be motivated to sink that deep need for peace. We may not be able to join big organizations extending peace to others. Yet in our own simple ways we can or will be able to make peace within us. Peace starts with you. If you have that inner calmness you will be able to extend your inner calm to others and influence them to do the same. If you are able to foster friendliness to others, same goes back to you. No one will give you rock if you seek for bread. Same goes with peace.

Now putting it into practice and doing it everyday will eventually make it a habit. And I believe it turn an individual into a better person. A person with a great personality. A model individual.

Most world leaders, international organizations and so-called peace summits tend to define peace in the shadow of war, as 'a situation where there is no war "between nations. But for me real peace is not the absence of war but with the presence of God.

Christmas is now approaching. We are reminded of the Angels that announced the birth of Jesus. "Hark, the herald Angels sing...Peace on Earth, goodwill to men. The Babe of Bethlehem became the light that turned darkness into day. Ever since then those who saw the light became peacemakers. This light turned hate into love and along the way, it inspired those who saw it to become peacemakers. Around the world there are hundreds of groups with different creeds and cultures who have one thing in common: They are seeking to know and practice the ways of peace. They differ in many of their views, but share one goal -- to be peacemakers. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

The greatest success of war-makers comes when they put aside their differences and make a united effort against their enemies. It is time for the peacemakers of the world to unite all the actions that promote peace, justice and a sustainable future.

Let every church, synagogue and mosque now join our common cause -- World Peace Now!

Let newspapers, TV Programs, Mayors and Heads of State Proclaim World Peace Now!

There must be No More Wars. The human family has seen the light -- and will act now with all their might.

"Let there be Peace on Earth -- And let it begin with me."

Now were not just talking of peace here. As a human, we are given the privilege and rights because we are in a democratic country – Philippines. We are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

We have the right to life- The right to live and enjoy the life given by God. That is the primary reason why I hate abortion - Killing the lives of innocent ones. They could have been a somebody someday.

The right to liberty and freedom is also exercised wherein you can do anything and everything under your control. You can eat, sleep, go somewhere else and enjoy what life has to bring. If we can remember the People Power that we've experience more than 30 years ago, we were able to toppled down the Marcos regime and make them stepped down his throne as President of the Republic of the Philippines for 20 years. The whole world really appreciated the peaceful revolution done by the Filipino people in their love for freedom.

We have the right of the freedom of speech in which we can defend ourselves in case we are maltreated of convicted of any crime. We have the right to go to court for due process of law. We also have the freedom to express ourselves. We also have press freedom. We can or be able to express our views and opinions. We are free to express our opinions publicly, or through gadgets, in the magazines, televisions, radios etc. Unlike any communist country wherein one man rule is being exercised. Aside from that, we also are taught on how to speak our national language, and everyone must know so they will be able to communicate and foster understanding to everyone so that there will be unity and prosperity for everyone.

The right for security. We are given the right to be safe, be guarded by those who are in position like those policemen in our country because the prime duty of the Government is to serve and protect the people and defend the state.

Every individual has the right to have a good health and the state must adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development in which they shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the under-privileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers.

Aside from that we have also the right to cast our votes during elections, we have the right to select leaders who could lead us who could manned our government. Before only the men are given the privilege to vote but as decades pass women are given equal rights as men because it was proven that women nowadays can do almost everything as men does. And of course Filipinos are very brave and nationalistic.

Everyone has also the right for free education in public schools. This is the first priority of our government, to educate every Filipino and to improve the literacy of the mass. The DEP-Ed is trying to recall the Out of School Youth to go back to school,

believing that education is the solution of poverty. As what our Secretary of Education says “Edukasyon ang Solusyon”. So every Filipino has its right. And we are also given scholarships to those deserving but less privilege students; examples of such are the TESDA, CHED and many others. Wherein many graduates every year can get immediate jobs especially in technical courses. All that’s left to do is on the student’s part to strive more so they will be able to have a great future waiting for them. Just never give up.

We also have the right to do or to transact business as long as permitted by law and the government as well has the right to convict us into prison if it is against the law. There are rules and regulations stipulated in the constitution regarding these.

Our right to own a land or house & lot is also important to us as a citizen of this land, it is important that we should shelter our family & love ones in a house we call a home. We have the choice to own or rent a house & lot whichever is convenient to us. Some also want to own a land property which they can earn for a living. Owning a land is a right if it is acquired in accordance with the law of the land.

The State recognizes the Filipino family as the foundation of the nation. Accordingly, it shall strengthen its solidarity and actively promote its total development. Every one also has the right to choose a partner for himself where we can love & be at his side for the rest of his life. A person must choose wisely, not only because of her or his looks, or fame and popularity but what’s within is more important for you to find true happiness and contentment in your married life.

The right of religion is also enjoyed by us. We are given the right to whatever religion we want to follow unlike in Muslim countries wherein Christians can only worship in the underground. That’s a drastic kind of right! In Christian countries like us, everyone is given a privilege & right to worship & go for a religion we want. The place where we can feel that we are welcome, enjoying other believers company, the place where you found true meaning of life and about God. May it be in the Catholics, Alliance, Seventh Day Adventist, UCCP and other religious sectors in the country. They are able to worship the Lord God according to their beliefs, in any places.

These are some of the rights we enjoy as a human being. I am personally glad that I grew up in a place wherein human rights are upheld and acknowledged by everyone. I am so privileged to enjoy these rights to the fullest. If we will follow & exercise these rights, we will experience world peace & unity. A world where understanding and love abides in each others hearts. What a wonderful place it could be if people are seen greeting each other, no hatred or grievances in their hearts. But we should remember that true peace begins with us through the guidance of our Lord Almighty, the real author of peace & unity...