

Quest for World Peace

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Every people in this world aim to have peace, a sound mind, and free of problems. We always longed for freedom and happiness. In each single day, when we listen to the radio and read the newspapers, we are confronted with the same news; juvenile delinquencies, violence, crimes, terrorism and political instability. Who made it all? It is only us humans, we are distracted by our own wrong doings. Long before when the people were uncivilized, far from technologies, their only focus is to survive life, to be able to eat each day. They don't mind about their appearance because for them everything is fair, and they are contented. Out of that innocence was peace and real joy on their heart.

I am not at all against of science and technology they have contributed immensely to the over-all humankind; to our material comfort and well-being and to our greater understanding of the world we live in. but technologies turned us to aim for power, superiority and even to conquer other nations. That is why nations to nations there is war. We are being blinded by the technologies that we thought is the solution to our problems. What am I trying to point out, what I am trying to drive at; let us use this God given knowledge about technologies with wisdom, without the motive of superiority to others. And because of our ambitions, sometimes we aim so high considering other people that we have step off and ruined. Science and technology though capable of creating immeasurable material comfort cannot replace the age-old spiritual and humanitarian values that have largely shaped world civilization in all its natural forms as we know it today.

Every human being wants happiness, an inner peace; and does not want sufferings. To achieve this goal we must have a sense of responsibility to advocate peace. Let us pray for it so that God will give us guidance. If we as intelligent human beings, do not accept this fact, there will be more and more sufferings in this world. If we adapt a self-centeredness to life and constantly to use others for our own self interest we may gain temporally benefits but in the long run, we will not succeed in achieving even personal happiness and world peace will be doomed to failure.

What kind of peace do we seek? What is the reason why we seek for world peace? Of course a genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on earth worth living, the kind of peace that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children; not merely for Filipinos

but peace for all men and women – not merely peace in our time but peace for all time. I am not referring to the absolute , infinite concept of peace and goodwill of which some fantasies and fanatics dream. Let us focus instead on a more practical, more attainable peace, because there is no single, simple key to this peace – no grand or magic formula to be adapted by one or two powers. Genuine world peace must be the product of many nations, the sum of many acts. It must be realistic for peace is a process – a way of solving our problems. Without such peace, there will be quarrels and conflicting interest, as there are within the families and nations. World peace starts in our neighborhood; it requires that each neighbor live together in mutual tolerance. Submitting their disputes to a just and peaceful settlement. So let us correct our attitudes because history teach us that enmities between nations, as between individuals; do not last forever.

Peace is an ending state of war. One nation's problem can no longer be satisfactorily solved by itself alone; too much depends on the interest, attitude and cooperation of other nations. But before achieving this, let make this song a realistic one "Let there be peace on earth, and let begin with me.' If only all of us will learn to forgive our enemies, if only all of us will learn how to make decisions in a good reason, and above all if only we will let love reign in our hearts; love one another; then there will be peace and inner contentment in this world. Peace is possible for all of us, it is only us who made it impossible. So let us continue to pursue the quest for world peace.