

“ WORLD OF PEACE “

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For a transient piece of it, people have fought and died. Advocating it would mean great efforts but still its realization is at hand attainable. People who grew in community where bombings and skirmishes are rampant, long prayed for peace. Is this 5-letter word really complicated? Always spoken but never really understood. Just what will it be like if we finally have it?

...A world of peace.

The world as it is today is moving to a state of war, of turmoil, of anxiety and strife. Whatever the reason that causes this thirst for power, deprivation, racial or religious discrimination, threat of national security and integrity, we are all obliged put this to an end. The issue of peace is a concern of everyone. Or one would rather want to wake up one day with the sound of bombs. And instead of having early morning thoughts like how to spend the day or what to prepare for breakfast you'll ask yourself instead "will I make it safe through the day?" harsh truth: it is experienced by some. And this "some" are the world's poorest population of the innocent civilians. Millions have died, and this figure isn't just a number, but it is constituted of individual lives. If people were to internalize the lessons of history, if only people value life, if only gun fires were music to the ears, if only war doesn't upshot hatred and revenge, if only these were fiction, and flaws could be erased and rewritten. But it isn't, and reality is always rough and harsh. Genuine world peace may sound next to impossible if people still live with their unrighteous mindset.

For peace to be realized, it must be first understood. For me, real peace is where every person lives its meaning and that collectively will establish a place where the people truly understood each other. "I won't discriminate, I will respect others to be respected; I will recognize them as an equal to be recognized that way." These phrases may sound simple contribution to promote peace, but it's tangible. This makes a lot more sense than being part of organizations educating people about peace and talking about issues one-sidedly and destroying others. Even the government's high sounding campaigns and laws on peace were never enforced. "Little deeds could inspire many, resulting to inspire change." You don't need to be someone big to make these all possible.