



URI Interfaith Peace Prayer Ceremony

Interfaith Blessings for the people of the world's religions and spiritual traditions

STAGING

Ceremony can be arranged many ways. If in a chapel or large meeting space, one might arrange a procession of the banner carriers toward a stage. They can arrange themselves on the stage in a semi-circle. One person carries one banner. Optimum if person who is actually belongs to a certain faith tradition carries the banner for that faith, but not necessary.

SCRIPT

Good evening, beloved colleagues and honored guests. My name is _____, and I am representing the _____ for the United Religion's Initiative. This is my colleague _____.

At this time, we will experience one of the most powerful spiritual resources that the faith communities around the world have in common: prayer.

This Interfaith Peace Prayer Ceremony was first performed at the Public Forum at the URI Global Summit in 1997 and has become a representation of the spirit of the United Religions Initiative.

The lovely banners created by URI represent the world's religions in broad strokes, but it is our intention to pray for the people of all faiths.

As each representative from a different faith tradition steps forward, my colleague will speak the name of the people represented by each banner and say, for example: "May the people of the Bahai religion live in peace."

Then, we (the people in audience) will respond in unison, "May [the Bahai people) live in peace. May Peace Prevail on Earth."

This will be repeated for each faith tradition.

So let us breathe together, tuning our hearts to love and gratitude for all life on Earth.

Now let us begin the Interfaith Peace Prayer Ceremony with the opening prayer.

"May Peace Prevail on Earth. I pray for the happiness of the people of all the spiritual traditions of the world."

[Opening prayer]

May Peace Prevail on Earth.

I pray for the happiness of the people of all the spiritual traditions of the world.

[For each religion and spiritual tradition listed below, say the following]

May the _____ people live in peace.

May Peace Prevail on Earth

[Religions and spiritual and traditions of the World]

Aboriginal

Baha'i

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Muslim

Jain

Jewish

Native American

Shinto

Sikh

Taoist

Unitarian

Wiccan

Zorastrian

The People of All the Other Spiritual Traditions of the World

The People of all Beliefs Yet to Come

[Closing Prayer]

*May all the religions and spiritual traditions
of the world live together in peace.*

May Peace Prevail on Earth