

The Beatitudes

Blessed are those who are poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they
will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit
the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall
receive mercy.

Blessed are the poor in heart, for they
shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
for righteousness sake, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.



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For the human family

Creator God,

In love you have fashioned the human family in a variety of races languages and cultures. Do not let our differences divide us, but help us to welcome gifts we can give and receive from one another.

Save us from prejudice, arrogance and fear, and teach us how to live together as members of one family, sharing one home.

Amen

The Christian prayer for peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be known as the children of God. But I say to you that hear, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To those who strike you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from those who take away your cloak, do not withhold your coat as well. Give to everyone who begs you, and of those who take away your goods, do not ask them again. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

The Jewish prayer for peace

Come let us go up the mountain of the Lord, that we may walk the paths of the Most High. And we shall beat our swords into ploughshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation – neither shall they learn war any more. And none shall be afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts has spoken.

The Buddhist

May all beings everywhere plagued with sufferings of body and mind quickly freed from their illnesses. May those frightened cease to be afraid, and may those bound be free. May the powerless find power, and may people think of befriending one another. May those who find themselves trackless, fearful wildernesses – the children, the aged, the unprotected – be guarded by beneficent celestials, and may they swiftly attain Buddha hood.

The Muslim

In the name of Allah, the beneficent, the merciful. Praise be to the Lord of the Universe who has created us and made us into tribes and nations, that we may know each other, not that we may despise each other. If the enemy incline towards peace, do thou also incline towards peace, and trust in God, for the Lord is the one that heareth and knoweth all things. And the servants of God, Most Gracious are those who walk on the earth in Humility, and when we address them, we say “PEACE.”

The Hindu

Oh God, lead us from the unreal to the Real.

O God, lead us from darkness to light. Oh God, lead us from death to immortality. Shanti, Shanti, Shanti unto all. Oh Lord God almighty, may there be peace in celestial regions. May there be peace on earth. May the waters be appeasing. May herbs be wholesome, and may trees and plants bring peace to all. May all beneficent beings bring peace to us. May the Vedic Law propagate peace all through the world. May all things be a source of peace to us. And may thy peace itself, bestow peace on all, and may that peace come to me also.

The Australian Creed

We believe in the Creator and Sustainer of life, Creator of the black woman and the white woman

Of the black man and the white man

Of the woman who is not quite black

And the not quite white

Of the man who is not quite black

And not quite white.

We believe in the Creator who gave us the desert pea and the flowering gum, the murray cod and the platypus, the southern cross and the milky way.

We believe in the Creator who gave us a land to keep, to reverence and to cultivate.

We women and men of the Great South Land of the Spirit, believe in the power of the Spirit to set us free to regenerate our land, to transform our world, to work for peace, to listen to the loneliness of ‘the drover’s wife’ and the ‘weeping man’.

We believe in the power of the Spirit to transform our dealings with our sisters and brothers of other colours and diverse creeds.

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