

# PEACE, BEST QUOTES ON

The noblest monument to peace and to neighborly economic and social friendship in all the world is not a monument in bronze or stone, but the boundary which unites the United States and Canada—3,000 miles of friendship with no barbed wire, no gun or soldier and no passport on the whole frontier.

--Franklin D. Roosevelt

I see little hope for a peaceful world until men are excluded from the realm of foreign policy altogether and all decisions concerning international relations are reserved for women, preferably married ones.

--W. H. Auden

Peace  
is not a gap between times of fighting,  
or a space where nothing is happening.

Peace  
is something that  
lives,  
grows,  
spreads—  
and needs to be looked after.

--Katherine Scholes

War can be abolished forever by providing clothing, food, and housing, instead of bombers, destroyers, and rockets.

--Trygve Lie

Yes, we love peace, but we are not willing to take wounds for it, as we are for war.

--John Andrew Holmes

It's not our job to toughen our children up to face a cruel and heartless world. It's our job to raise children who will make the world a little less cruel and heartless.

—L. R. Knost

Taking an active part in the solutions of the problems of peace is a moral duty which no conscientious man can shirk.

--Albert Einstein

The future happiness of the human race depends upon just one thing—international co-operation.

—Hendrik van Loon

We need peacemakers, not peacekeepers.

—Paul Liu

War is only a cowardly escape from the problems of peace.

--Thomas Mann

There is such a thing as a nation being so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right.

--Woodrow Wilson

Peace is rarely denied to the peaceful.

--Friedrich Schiller

There has never been a war yet which if the facts had been put calmly before the ordinary folk, could not have been prevented. The common man is the greatest protection against war.

--Ernest Bevin

Peace hath higher tests of manhood  
Than battle ever knew.

--John Greenleaf Whittier

It is easier to lead men to combat and to stir up their passions than to temper them and urge them to the patient labors of peace.

--Andre Gide

That they may have a little peace, even the best dogs are compelled to snarl occasionally.

--William Feather

It takes two to make peace.

--John F. Kennedy

Ambition is the grand enemy of all peace.

--John Cowper Powys

Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It is a weapon unique in history, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals.  
--Martin Luther King, Jr.

'Peace upon earth!' was said. We sing it  
And pay a million priests to bring it.  
After two thousand years of mass,  
We've got as far as poison-gas.

--Thomas Hardy

There never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could not be found to prevent the drawing of the sword.

--Ulysses S. Grant

Today the real test of power is not capacity to make war but capacity to prevent it.  
--Anne O'Hare

A day will come when a cannon will be exhibited in museums, just as instruments of torture are now, and the people will be astonished that such a thing could have been.

--Victor Hugo

We shall never be able to affect physical disarmament until we have succeeded in affecting moral disarmament.

--J. Ramsay MacDonald

We have all taken risks in the making of war. Isn't it time that we should take risks to secure peace?

--J. Ramsay MacDonald

Mad wars destroy in one year the works of many years of peace.

--Benjamin Franklin

Nothing has been done by war for the good of mankind that could not have been better accomplished by Peace.

--Phillips Brooks

A warless world will come as men develop warless hearts.

--Charles Wesley Burns

I like to believe that people, in the long run, are going to do more to promote peace than our governments. Indeed, I think that people want peace so much that one of these days governments had better get out of the way and let them have it.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

Yes, God and the politicians willing, the United States can declare peace upon the world, and win it.

--Ely Colbertson

We decry violence all the time in this country, but look at our history. We were born in a violent revolution, and we've been in wars ever since. We're not a pacific people.

—James Lee Burke

Our object should be peace within, and peace without. We want to live peacefully and maintain cordial friendly relations with our immediate neighbours and with the world at large.

—Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Why do we only rest in peace? Why don't we live in peace too?

—Unknown

Peace with a club in hand is war.

—Portuguese Proverb

War is an invention of the human mind. The human mind can invent peace with justice.

--Norman Cousins

None is fool enough to choose war instead of peace. For in peace sons bury fathers, but in war fathers bury sons.

—Herodotus

A strong defense is the surest way to peace. Strength makes détente attainable. Weakness invites war, as my generation—my generation—knows from four very bitter experiences. Just as America's will for peace is second to none, so will America's strength be second to none. We cannot rely on the forbearance of others to protect this Nation. The power and diversity of the Armed Forces, active Guard and Reserve, the resolve of our fellow citizens, the flexibility in our command to navigate international waters that remain troubled are all essential to our security.

--Gerald R. Ford

Universal peace sounds ridiculous to the head of an average family.

--Kin Hubbard

When things are investigated, then true knowledge is achieved; when true knowledge is achieved, then the will becomes sincere; when the will is sincere, then the heart is set right (or then the mind sees right); when the heart is set right, then the personal life is cultivated; when the personal life is cultivated, then the family life is regulated; when the family life is regulated, then the national life is orderly; and when the national life is orderly, then there is peace in this world.

--Confucius

Peace is an unstable equilibrium, which can be preserved only by acknowledged supremacy or equal power.

--Will and Ariel Durant

That peace, safety, and concord may be the portion of our native land, and be long enjoyed by our fellow-citizens, is the most ardent wish of my heart, and if I can be instrumental in procuring or preserving them, I shall think I have not lived in vain.

--Thomas Jefferson

The plain truth is the day is coming when no single nation, however powerful, can undertake by itself to keep the peace outside its own borders. Regional and international organizations for peace-keeping purposes are as yet rudimentary; but they must grow in experience and be strengthened by deliberate and practical cooperative action.

--Robert S. McNamara

For peace is not mere absence of war, but is a virtue that springs from force of character.

--Benedictus de Spinoza

Only a peace between equals can last. Only a peace the very principle of which is equality and a common participation in a common benefit.

--Woodrow Wilson

A conqueror is always a lover of peace: he would like to make his entry into our state unopposed.

--Karl von Clausewitz

Another essential to a universal and durable peace is social justice.

—Arthur Henderson

Gone are those pleasant nineteenth-century days when a country could remain neutral and at peace just by saying it wanted to.

--William Shirer

Although a man may wear fine clothing, if he lives peacefully; and is good, self-possessed, has faith and is pure; and if he does not hurt any living being, he is a holy man.

—Denis Diderot

There was an implicit conviction that the UN would be stronger than the sum of its constituent member-states.

—Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Each one has to find his peace from within, and peace to be real must be unaffected by outside circumstances.

--Mahatma Gandhi

Those who make peaceful revolution impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.

--John F. Kennedy

If an international controversy leads to armed conflict, everyone loses; if armed conflict is avoided, everyone wins. It is better to lose a point now and then in an international tribunal and gain a world in which everyone lives at peace under the rule of law.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

It's co-existence  
Or no existence.

--Bertrand Russell

Whatever fosters militarism makes for barbarism; whatever fosters peace makes for civilization.

--Herbert Spencer

I should say that he who desires peace should speak of peace more often than of war.

--Aristide Briand

Let those who love turmoil arm for turmoil: their very arming will bring it; and let those who love peace disarm for peace: the disarming will hasten it.

--John Burroughs

There is one thing no people have ever done; that is, to oppose a threatening war with intelligent and vigorous purpose some years before it was due to arrive.

--Carrie Chapman Catt

There are two ways of ending a dispute—discussion and force; the latter manner is simply that of the rude beasts; the former is proper to beings gifted with reason.

--Cicero

Give me full charge of the education of the youth of this nation for the next twenty-five years and I will rear a race of men who would no more fight on the field of battle than they would offer human sacrifices on the altars of the gods.

--John H. Dietrich

Once we can transform moral sentiment to the point of stamping men who advocate violence in international affairs as criminals and outcasts, just as we stamp the men today who advocate violence within the nation, wars will be few and far between.

-John H. Dietrich

We are a peaceful people, and it is well for us to remember that we rely on friendship and good will, not on force and threats of force, to extend our influence and win adherence to our international proposals.

--Charles Evans Hughes

The pathway of peace is the longest and most beset with obstacles the human race has to tread; the goal may be distant, but we must press on.

--Charles Evans Hughes

I am an uncompromising pacifist...I have no sense of nationalism, only a cosmic consciousness of belonging to the human family.

--Rosika Schwimmer

Atom bomb stockpiles are no guarantee of security. Until lust and greed and murder are removed from the hearts of men, there is, there can be, no peace or security.

--A. P. Gouthey

The only excuse for war is that we may live in peace unharmed.

--Cicero

People who talk of outlawing the atomic bomb are mistaken—what needs to be outlawed is war.

--Leslie Richard Groves

The elimination of war should be the major task of social education.

--Konrad Lorenz

I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of their way and let them have it.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today.

--John F. Kennedy

Henceforth the adequacy of any military establishment will be tested by its ability to preserve the peace.

--Henry Kissinger

The journey of a thousand leagues begins with a single step. So we must never neglect any work of peace within our reach, however small.

--Adlai Stevenson

Peace is not an absence of war, it is a virtue, a state of mind, a disposition for benevolence, confidence, justice.

--Benedict Spinoza

A bad peace is better than a good war.

--Russian Proverb

All wars are follies, very expensive and very mischievous ones. In my opinion, there never was a good war or a bad peace. When will mankind be convinced and agree to settle their difficulties by arbitration?

--Benjamin Franklin

Peace is that state in which fear of any kind is unknown.

--John Buchan

There is no such thing as inevitable war. If war comes, it will be from failure of human wisdom.

--Bonar Law

A man who experiences no genuine satisfaction in life does not want peace...Men court war to escape meaninglessness and boredom, to be relieved of fear and frustration.

--Nels F. S. Ferre

The grim fact is that we prepare for war like precocious giants and for peace like retarded pygmies.

—Lester Pearson

The motto of war is: 'Let the strong survive; let the weak die.'

The motto of peace is: 'Let the strong help the weak to survive.'

--Franklin D. Roosevelt

They make a desert and call it peace.

—Tacitus

Youth is the first victim of war; the first fruit of peace. It takes twenty years or more of peace to make a man; it takes only twenty seconds of war to destroy him.

--Baudouin I of Belgium

Who would prefer peace to the glory of hunger and thirst, of wading through mud, and dying in the service of one's country?

--Jean Giraudoux

The most disadvantageous peace is better than the most just war.

—Desiderius Erasmus

Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind.

--John F. Kennedy

There is nothing that war has ever achieved we could not better achieve without it.

--Havelock Ellis

The god of Victory is said to be one-handed, but Peace gives victory to both sides.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

The present and all that it holds belongs to the nations and the peoples who preserve self-control and the orderly processes of their governments; the future to those who prove themselves the true friends of mankind. To conquer with arms is to make only a temporary conquest; to conquer the world by earning its esteem is to make permanent conquest.

--Woodrow Wilson

No nation ever had an army large enough to guarantee it against attack in time of peace or insure it victory in time of war.

--Calvin Coolidge

It is an unfortunate fact that we can secure peace only by preparing for war.

--John F. Kennedy

To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace.

--George Washington

War is brought on by countries that want peace at their own price.

--Unknown

There will be more wars until men grow brave enough to stop them.

--Unknown

The soldier, above all other people, prays for peace, for he must buffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

--Douglas MacArthur

The peace of the man who has forsworn the use of the bullet seems to me not quite peace, but a canting impotence.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

If you have a nation of men who have risen to that height of moral cultivation that they will not declare war or carry arms, for they have not so much madness left in their brains, you have a nation of lovers, of benefactors, of true, great, and able men.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mankind has grown strong in eternal struggles, and it will only perish through eternal peace.

--Adolf Hitler

Arms alone are not enough to keep the peace. It must be kept by men.

--John F. Kennedy

Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures.

--John F. Kennedy

You may call for peace as loudly as you wish, but where there is no brotherhood there can in the end be no peace.

--Max Lerner

Peace, like war, can succeed only where there is a will to enforce it, and where there is available power to enforce it.

--Franklin D. Roosevelt

The peace we now see  
will run  
till the next war begins  
whereupon peace  
will be ushered in  
at the end of the next war.

--Carl Sandburg

Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed.

--*UNESCO*

Five great enemies to peace inhabit with us: viz, avarice, ambition, envy, anger, and pride. If those enemies were to be banished, we should infallibly enjoy perpetual peace.

--Petrarch

I have never advocated war, except as a means of peace.

--Ulysses S. Grant

Peace at any price.

—Lamartine

We discovered that peace at any price is no peace at all...that life at any price has no value whatever; that life is nothing without the privileges, the prides, the rights, the joys that make it worth living and also worth giving...and that there is something more hideous, more atrocious than war or than death; and that is to live in fear.

--Ève Curie

If they went peace, nations should avoid the pin-pricks that precede cannon-shots.

--Napoleon

A bad peace is even worse than war.

--Tacitus

They make a desolation, and they call it peace.

--Tacitus

Nobody can live longer in peace than his neighbour pleases.

--Proverb

Hard to dislike a chap who likes you, isn't it? Well, there's your peace plan.

--Unknown

Peace is won by war.

--Latin Proverb

There can be no peace in the world until the caliber of its statesmen is equal to the caliber of its guns.

--Unknown

Peace can be achieved by the substitution of reason for force, right for might, law for war.

--Unknown

A means to a permanent peace is for all nations to agree not to start another war until the last one is paid for.

—Unknown

The key to lasting peace is to rely less on arms and more on heads.

--Unknown

The world will never be the dwelling place of peace until peace has found a home in the heart of each and every man.

--Pope John XXIII

If nations began telling each other nothing but the truth, peace would immediately vanish from the earth.

--Vikrant Parsai

When Kansas and Colorado have a quarrel over the water in the Arkansas River they don't call out the National Guard in each state and go to war over it. They bring a suit in the Supreme Court of the United States and abide by the decision. There isn't a reason in the world why we cannot do that internationally.

--Harry S. Truman

Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount.

--Omar Bradley

The legitimate object of war is a more perfect peace.

--William Tecumseh  
Sherman

It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war, into the most terrible and disastrous of all wars, civilization itself seeming to be in the balance. But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts—for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free. To such a task we can dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured. God helping her, she can do no other.

--Woodrow Wilson

Peace is much more precious than a piece of land.

--Anwar al-Sadat

You have to take chances for peace, just as you must take chances in war....The ability to get to the verge without getting into the war is the necessary art. If you try to run away from it, if you are scared to go to the brink, you are lost.

--John Foster Dulles

I am a man of peace. God knows how I love peace. But I hope I shall never be such a coward as to mistake oppression for peace.

--Lajos Kossuth

Genius is entitled to respect only when it promotes the peace and improves the happiness of mankind.

--Lord Essex

There is no more dangerous misconception than this which misconstrues the arms race as the cause rather than a symptom of the tensions and divisions which threaten nuclear war. If the history of the past fifty years teaches us anything, it is that peace does not follow disarmament—disarmament follows peace.

--Bernard M. Baruch

If we desire to avoid insult, we must be able to repel it; if we desire to secure peace, one of the most powerful instruments of our rising prosperity, it must be known, that we are at all times ready for War.

--George Washington

World-wide practice of Conservation and the fair and continued access by all nations to the resources they need are the two indispensable foundations of continuous plenty and of permanent peace.

--Gifford Pinchot

The future can be anything we want it to be, providing we have the faith and that we realize that peace, no less than war, required 'blood and sweat and tears.'

--Charles F. Kettering

Peace, above all things, is to be desired, but blood must sometimes be spilled to obtain it on equable and lasting terms.

--Andrew Jackson

Peace itself is war in masquerade.

--John Dryden

## **IF**

If there is righteousness in the heart,  
there will be beauty in character,  
there will be harmony in the home.

If there is harmony in the home,  
there will be order in the nation.

Where there is order in the nation,  
there will be peace in the world.

--Chinese Proverb

War should be undertaken in such a way as to show that its only object is peace.

--Cicero

Peace makes plenty, plenty makes pride.  
Pride breeds quarrel, and quarrel brings war:  
War brings spoil, and spoil poverty,  
Poverty patience, and patience peace:  
So peace brings war, and war brings peace.

--George Puttenham

Respect for the rights of another,  
that is peace.

--Mexican-American  
Proverb

Peace with a cudgel in hand is war.

--Portuguese Proverb

The first and fundamental law of Nature: to seek peace and follow it.

--Thomas Hobbes

We love peace, as we abhor pusillanimity; but not peace at any price. There is a peace more destructive of the manhood of living man than war is destructive of his material body. Chains are worse than bayonets.

--Douglas Jerrold

You don't have to have fought in a war to love peace.

--Geraldine Ferraro

It is mutual cowardice that keeps us in peace. Were one-half of mankind brave, and one-half cowards, the brave would be always beating the cowards. Were all brave, they would lead a very uneasy life; all would be continually fighting: but being all cowards, we go on very well.

--Samuel Johnson

Never forget that the nature of peace is commonly misstated. Peace is not to be had by preventing aggression, for it is always too late for that. Peace is to had when people's antagonisms and antipathies are subject to the discipline of law and the decency of government.

Do not try to save the world by loving thy neighbor; it will only make him nervous. Save the world by respecting thy neighbor's rights under law and insisting that he respect yours (under the same law).

--E. B. White

If peace is to come, it must be peace within your own mind and heart. If hatred is to die, you must scotch it within yourself. If intelligence is to triumph, you must be intelligent. There is no other pathway, no other salvation.

--Henry M. Wriston

There are pacifists in pleasure as well as pacifists in war. The latter are called cowards. The former are called leading moral citizens.

--G. J. Nathan

Preventing conflicts is the work of politics; establishing peace is the work of education.

--Maria Montessori

Peace cannot be kept by force. It can only be achieved by understanding.

--Albert Einstein

Peace rules the day, where reason rules the mind.

--William Collins

Today the real test of power is not capacity to make war but capacity to prevent it.

--Anne O'Hare  
McCormick

Better an uneasy peace than an easy war.

--Unknown

Peace is a virtual, mute, sustained victory of potential powers against probable greeds.

--Paul Valéry

Peace hath higher tests of manhood  
Than battle ever knew.

--John Greenleaf Whittier

The balance of power has never kept the peace in the past, and I don't see why it should in the future.

--Bertrand Russell

If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.

--Moshe Dayan

We need to devise a system within which peace will be more rewarding than war.

--Margaret Mead

The only way to make peace is to remember what war is truly like.

--Herman Wouk

The beginning of the end of War lies in Remembrance.

--Herman Wouk

I can picture in my mind a world without war, a world without hate. And I can picture us attacking that world, because they'd never expect it.

--Jack Handey

Peace is when time doesn't matter as it passes by.

--Maria Schell

I am not only a pacifist but a militant pacifist. I am willing to fight for peace. Nothing will end war unless the people themselves refuse to go to war.

--Albert Einstein

I am not so much of a pacifist that I would not fight for Peace!

--Freya Madeline Stark

True peace will come only when every individual finds peace within himself; when we have all vanquished and transformed our hatred for our fellow human beings of whatever race—even into love one day.

--Etty Hillesum

Each of us must turn inwards and destroy in himself all that he thinks he ought to destroy in others...every atom of hate we add to this world makes it still more inhospitable.

--Etty Hillesum

We should wage war not to win war, but to win peace.

--Paul Hoffman

The United Nations is our one great hope for a peaceful and free world.

--Ralph Bunche

Men's hearts ought not to be set against one another, but set with one another, and all against evil only.

--Thomas Carlyle

No sacrifice short of individual liberty, individual self-respect, and individual enterprise is too great a price to pay for permanent peace.

--Clark H. Minor

Peace is the one condition of survival in this nuclear age.

--Adlai E. Stevenson

Peace has its victories no less than war, but it doesn't have as many monuments to unveil.

--Kin Hubbard

The pursuit of peace is complicated because it has to do with people, and nothing in this universe baffles man as much as man himself.

--Adlai Stevenson

There is no way to peace; peace is the way.

--A. J. Muste

You cannot have peace longer than your neighbor chooses.

--Danish Proverb

To work for better understanding among people, one does not have to be a former president sitting at a fancy conference room table. Peace can be made in the neighborhoods, the living rooms, the playing fields, and the classrooms of our country.

--Jimmy Carter

I say we are going to have peace even if we have to fight for it.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

The mere absence of war is not peace.

--John F. Kennedy

I was, and still am, convinced that the women of the world, united without any regard for national or racial dimensions, can become a most powerful force for international peace and brotherhood.

--Coretta Scott King

I have always believed that we cannot have peace in the world until all of us understand how wars start.

--Jean F. Merrill

Peace has to be watched and guarded. Its enemies are always ready to break it, for the forces of evil never sleep.

--Bernard Miles

It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work for it.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living.

--Omar Bradley

Those who love peace must learn to organize as well as those who love war.

--Martin Luther King, Jr.

The greatest honor history can bestow is that of peacemaker.

--Richard M. Nixon

The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.

--Douglas MacArthur

Fighting for peace is like screwing for virginity.

--George Carlin

Respect for other people's rights leads to peace.

--Benito Juarez

Though force can protect in emergency, only justice, fairness, consideration, and cooperation can finally lead men to the dawn of eternal peace.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower

We cannot be both the world's leading champion of peace and the world's leading supplier of arms.

--Jimmy Carter

You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.

--Malcolm X

War will never cease until babies begin to come into the world with larger cerebums and smaller adrenal glands.

--H. L. Mencken

The waging of peace as a science, as an art, is in its infancy. But we can trace its growth, its steady progress, and the time will come when there will be particular individuals designated to assume responsibility for and leadership of this movement.

--Fredrik Bajer

War will disappear only when men shall take no part whatever in violence and shall be ready to suffer every persecution that their abstention will bring them. It is the only way to abolish war.

--Anatole France

Let us dedicate ourselves to what the Greeks wrote so many years ago: to tame the savageness of man and make gentle the life of this world.

--Robert Kennedy

The failure to dissect the cause of war leaves us open for the next installment.

—Chris Hedges

Peace literature is almost exclusively read, though to good effect, by pacifists, while what is needed is the canvassing of those who have not so far been won to the cause.

—Fredrik Bajer

One does not need buildings, money, power, or status to practice the Art of Peace. Heaven is right where you are standing, and that is the place to train.

—Morihei Ueshiba

War is the natural reaction of human nature in the savage state, while peace is the result of acquired characteristics.

—Elihu Root

All tyranny needs to gain a foothold is for people of good conscience to remain silent.

—Edmund Burke

Peace is the happy natural state of man; war is corruption and disgrace.

— James Thomson

Whoever wishes peace among peoples must fight statism.

—Ludwig von Mises

Peace is not only better than war, but infinitely more arduous.

—George Bernard Shaw

Let me tell you why we civil rights workers were so against the war: The federal government was not providing any protection of democracy in Mississippi, yet it told us we had to go 10,000 miles away to protect democracy in Southeast Asia. We weren't buying it.

—Miriam Cohen  
Glickman

I intend to leave after my death a large fund for the promotion of the peace idea, but I am skeptical as to its results.

—Alfred Nobel

Now that we have learned to fly in the air like birds and dive in the sea like fish, only one thing remains—to learn to live on Earth like humans.

—George Bernard Shaw

Why should we not all live in peace and harmony? We look up at the same stars, we are fellow-passengers on the same planet and dwell beneath the same sky. What matters it along which road each individual endeavors to find the ultimate truth? The riddle of existence is too great that there should be only one road leading to an answer.

—Quintus Aurelius  
Symmachus

An old Cherokee took his grandson aside and told him, ‘My son, there’s a battle between two wolves inside us all. One represents anger, jealousy, greed, resentment, inferiority, dishonesty and selfishness. The other one represents joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, compassion and truth.’

The boy gave this some thought and eventually asked, ‘Which one wins?’

‘The one you feed.’ responded the wise old Cherokee.

—Unknown

Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict—alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence.

—Dorothy Thompson

Under the ominous shadow which the second World War and its attendant circumstances have cast on the world, peace has become as essential to civilized existence as the air we breathe is to life itself.

—Cordell Hull

If people become ecstatic the whole society will have to change, because this society is based on misery. If people are blissful you cannot lead them to war -- to Vietnam, or to Egypt, or to Israel. No. Someone who is blissful will just laugh and say: This is nonsense!

—Osho

Like any other people, like fathers, mothers, sons and daughters in every land, when the issue of peace or war has been put squarely to the American people, they have registered for peace.

—Paul Robeson

One day, I would like to turn on the news and hear, there is Peace on Earth.  
—Karon Waddell

We need new partnerships for peace and security.  
—Anna Lindh

If we are to teach real peace in this world, and if we are to carry on a real war against war, we shall have to begin with the children.  
—Mohandas Gandhi

Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace.  
—Albert Schweitzer

I take it that what all men are really after is some form of, perhaps only some formula of, peace.  
—Joseph Conrad

Imagine what seven billion humans could accomplish if we all loved and respected each other.  
—Anthony Douglas Williams

Democracies are indeed slow to make war, but once embarked upon a martial venture are equally slow to make peace and reluctant to make a tolerable, rather than a vindictive, peace.  
—Reinhold Niebuhr

When we are unwilling to draw clear moral lines between free societies and fear societies, when we are unwilling to call the former good and the latter evil, we will not be able to advance the cause of peace because peace cannot be disconnected from freedom.  
—Natan Sharansky

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.  
—*Isaiah 2:4*

One can go to war alone, but you can't build peace alone.

—Jacques Chirac

What can you do to promote world peace? Go home and love your family.

—Mother Teresa

We need to decide that we will not go to war, whatever reason is conjured up by the politicians or the media, because war in our time is always indiscriminate, a war against innocents, a war against children.

—Howard Zinn

It is far easier to make war than peace.

—Georges Clemenceau

We make war that we may live in peace.

—Aristotle

My argument is that War makes rattling good history; but Peace is poor reading.

—Thomas Hardy

The greatest problem all around the world today, whether in America, Japan, China, Russia, India or anywhere else in the world, is that people are not in peace. People want peace.

—Prem Rawal

The practice of forgiveness is our most important contribution to the healing of the world.

—Marianne Williamson

Would that I could be the peacemaker in your soul, that I might turn the discord and the rivalry of your elements into oneness and melody. But how shall I, unless you yourselves be also the peacemakers.

—Kahlil Gibran

If we are to reach real peace in the world we shall have to begin with children; and if they will grow up in their natural innocence, we won't have to struggle; we won't have to pass fruitless ideal resolutions, but we shall go from love to love and peace to peace, until at last all the corners of the world are covered with that peace and love for which consciously or unconsciously the whole world is hungering.

—Gandhi

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

—St. Francis of Assisi

I am an individual.  
I have dignity and worth.  
I am unique.  
I deserve respect and I respect others.  
I am part of the human family.  
I have something special to offer the world.  
I am committed to a peaceful world for all of us.  
I make a difference, and so do you.  
I can accomplish whatever I set out to do, and so can you.  
I am the key to peace.

—Naomi Drew

If there is right in the soul,  
There will be beauty in the person;

If there is beauty in the person,  
There will be harmony in the home;

If there is harmony in the home,  
There will be order in the nation;  
If there is order in the nation,  
There will be peace in the world.

—Lao Tzu

If civilization is to survive, we must culminate the science of human relationships—the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace.

—Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt

Give peace a chance, yes, but why not get serious and give it a place in the curriculum: peace courses in every school, every grade, every nation. Unless we teach our children peace, someone else will teach them violence.

—Colman McCarthy

I would rather have peace in the world than be President.

—Harry S. Truman

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.

—Maria Montessori

Nations have recently been led to borrow billions for war; no nation has ever borrowed largely for education. Probably, no nation is rich enough to pay for both war and civilization. We must make our choice; we cannot have both.

--Abraham Flexner

When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.

—Jimi Hendrix

The separation of armies and peaceful inhabitants into two distinct groups is perhaps the greatest triumph of international Law. Its effect in mitigating the evils of war has been incalculable. One must read the history of ancient wars, or savage wars of modern times—such as Chaka's campaigns, by which he made the Zulu name terrible throughout northern Natal—to appreciate the immense gain to the world from the distinction between combatants and non-combatants.

—J. M. Spaight (1910)

Let us not deceive ourselves; we must elect world peace or world destruction.

—Bernard Baruch

History has nothing to record save wars and revolutions. The peaceful years appear only as brief lapses or interludes, scattered here and there.

--Arthur Schopenhauer

I empathize with those who yearn for a simpler world, for some bygone golden age of domestic and international tranquility. Perhaps for a few people at some time in history there was such an age. But for the mass of humanity it is an age that never was.

--Shirley Hufstедler

There are three constant issues that have run through American politics, ever since the founding of the Republic...war and peace...bread and butter...and black and white.

--Theodore White

If some peoples pretend that history or geography gives them the right to subjugate other races, nations, or peoples, there can be no peace.

—Ludwig von Mises

A people free to choose will always choose peace.

—Ronald Reagan

We look forward to the time when the power to love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

—William E. Gladstone

Getting emotional about things is a peacetime luxury. In wartime, it's much too painful.

—Edmund H. North

All nations want peace, but they want a peace that suits them.

—John Fisher

The U.S. refused to ratify the *Treaty of Versailles* or join the *League of Nations*. The rise of Japan and Nazi Germany in the 1930s demonstrates the dangers that face us when we disengage.

—AARP *The Magazine*

Give me the money that has been spent in war, and I will purchase every foot of land upon the globe. I will clothe every man, woman and child in an attire of which kings and queens would be proud. I will build a school house on every hillside, and in every valley over the whole earth; I will build an academy in every town, and endow it; a college in every State, and fill it with able professors; I will crown every hill with a place of worship, consecrated to the promulgation of the gospel of peace; I will support in every pulpit an able teacher of righteousness, so that on every Sabbath morning the chime on one hill should answer to the chime on another round the earth's wide circumference; and the voice of prayer, and the song of praise, should ascend like an universal holocaust to heaven.

--Henry Richard

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word.

--Martin Luther  
King, Jr.

Courage is the price that Life exacts for granting peace.

--Amelia Earhart

None who have always been free can understand the terrible fascinating power of the hope of freedom to those who are not free.

--Pearl S. Buck

The individual who commits violence in the name of peace is steady on the road to becoming that which he hates.

--Laurence J. Peter

It is persons least like ourselves who often teach us most about ourselves. They challenge us to examine what we have uncritically assumed to be true and raise our eyes to wider horizons. When people who are very different from one another must live and work together, tolerance and civility are the only hopes for peace. How we deal with our differences, how we nurture our shared bonds, will in large part determine the future...of our society and of our country.

--James O. Freedman,  
President,  
Dartmouth College

If someone thinks that love and peace is a cliché that must have been left behind in the Sixties, that's his problem. Love and peace are eternal.

—John Lennon

To congratulate oneself on one's warm commitment to...peace...and think no more is a profound moral fault.

—Robert Conquest

With every true friendship we build firmly the foundations on which the peace of the whole world rests.

--Mahatma Gandhi

Enjoy the peace your valor won.  
Let independence be our boast,  
Ever mindful what it cost;  
Ever grateful for the prize,  
Let its altar reach the skies!

—Joseph Hopkinson

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

--Woodrow Wilson

As for the promotion of peace congresses we have had our meetings and assemblies, but the promotion through them of the determined and effective will to peace displaying itself in action and policy remains to be achieved.

—Lester B. Pearson

I dream of giving birth to a child who will ask, 'Mother, what was war?'

—Eve Merriam

Lord, bid war's trumpet cease;  
Fold the whole earth in peace.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

We can bomb the world to pieces, but we can't bomb it into peace.

—Michael Franti

The more we sweat in peace the less we bleed in war.

—Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit

Comparing Russia with the United States, I found that the Russians' definition of happiness was much grander. They talked about being happy when there's world peace. With the Americans it was all about money, fun and family. Things that are more attainable.

—Sonja Lyubomirsky

And in despair I bowed my head;  
'There is no peace on earth,' I said;  
'For hate is strong,  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!'

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:  
'God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!  
The Wrong shall fail,  
the Right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good-will to men!'

—Henry Wadsworth  
Longfellow

When the power of LOVE is more important than the love of money, religion and power, and people realize that the most important things in this life are NOT things, the world will finally know peace.

--Tanya Masse

Peace on earth will come to stay,  
When we live Christmas every day.

—Helen Steiner Rice

I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world.

—Norman Vincent Peale

If family violence teaches children that might makes right at home, how will we hope to cure the futile impulse to solve worldly conflicts with force?

--Letty Cottin Pogrebin

True peace is not merely the absence of tension; it is the presence of justice.

—Martin Luther King Jr.

My first wish is to see this plague of mankind, war, banished from the earth.

—George Washington

Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all.

—George Washington

In politics as in philosophy, my tenets are few and simple. The leading one of which, and indeed that which embraces most others, is to be honest and just ourselves and to exact it from others, meddling as little as possible in their affairs where our own are not involved. If this maxim was generally adopted, wars would cease and our swords would soon be converted into reap hooks and our harvests be more peaceful, abundant, and happy.

—George Washington

Respect for the rights of others means peace.

—Benito Juarez

On Memorial Day, I don't want to only remember the combatants. There were also those who came out of the trenches as writers and poets, who started preaching peace, men and women who have made this world a kinder place to live.

—Eric Burdon

Dear Lord; we beg but one boon more: Peace in the hearts of all men living, peace in the whole world this Thanksgiving.

—Joseph Auslander

What is Christmas? It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace.

—Agnes M. Pharo

No more lives torn apart,  
That wars will never start,  
And time will heal our hearts.  
Every man will have a friend,  
That right will always win,  
And love will never end.  
This is my grown-up Christmas List.

—Linda  
Thompson-Jenner

I reiterate my dedication to advocating for effective preventive strategies to end gun violence once and for all. In the face of the rising tensions and the widespread proliferation of small arms and light weapons, we call on everyone to join us to build conditions that will make world peace more likely. We all know that the road to building peace goes through ending conflicts and silencing the guns.

--Widad Akreyi

There is enough for all. The earth is a generous mother; she will provide in plentiful abundance food for all her children if they will but cultivate her soil in justice and in peace.

--Bourke Coekran

We should learn to live and love our neighbors as ourselves for the sake of peace and progress.

—David McCallum

And so this is Christmas  
For weak and for strong  
For rich and the poor ones  
The world is so wrong  
And so happy Christmas  
For black and for white  
For yellow and red one  
Let's stop all the fight....

A very Merry Christmas  
And a happy new year  
Let's hope it's a good one  
Without any fear  
War is over, if you want it,  
War is over now.

—John Lennon

No more war! Never again war! If you wish to be brothers, drop your weapons.  
—Pope Paul VI

One of the greatest delusions in the world is the hope that the evils in this world are to be cured by legislation.

—Thomas Reed

Do not let the behavior of others destroy your inner peace.

—Dalai Lama

People can't concentrate properly on blowing other people to pieces if their minds are poisoned by thoughts suitable to the twenty-fifth of December.

—Ogden Nash

On Christmas Eve 1914, thousands of British, French, and German troops along the Western front of World War I initiated an unofficial cease-fire known as the Christmas Truce. Men from both sides entered no-man's land to sing carols, exchange cards and presents, enjoy games, share cigarettes, treats, and whiskey. Though the truce was short-lived, it stands as a remarkable example of peace on earth and goodwill toward men.

—Samantha Bradbeer

God made the world for us to live together in peace and not fight.

—Samantha Smith

The capital...shall form a fund, the interest of which shall be distributed annually as prizes to those persons who shall have rendered humanity the best services during the past year...one-fifth to the person who has worked the most or best for advancing the fraternization of all nations and for abolishing or diminishing the standing armies as well as for the forming or propagation of committees of peace.

--Alfred Nobel

One path alone leads to a life of peace: The path of virtue.

—Juvenal

To harmonize the One with the Many, this is indeed a difficult adjustment, perhaps the most difficult of all, and so important, withal, that nations have perished from their failure to achieve it.

—Irving Babbitt

Dying for country, dying for honor  
Dying for God and peace and banners on a pole.  
Before we lose our humanity  
Let's stop this insanity  
And turn our children's history books around.  
Let's do a little living for peace.  
Not dying, but living for peace.

—Micki Grant

It is madness for sheep to talk peace with a wolf.

—Thomas Fuller

In the 1930s, 80,000 Muslim men and women formed an 'army of peace' to protest England's oppressive occupation of what is now Pakistan. Led by Abdul Ghaffar Khan, whose nonviolent leadership prefigured Martin Luther King Jr.'s and Nelson Mandela's, they endured severe maltreatment prior to and during the partition of India and Pakistan.

—Kit Miller

Even the propagandists on the radio find it very difficult to really say let alone believe that the world will be a happy place, of love and peace and plenty, and that the lion will lie down with the lamb and everybody will believe anybody.

--Gertrude Stein

If there must be trouble, let it be in my day, that my child may have peace.

—Thomas Paine

John Lennon's transformation is instructive. Early in Nixon's term, the former Beatle embarked on a frenzy of protest singing and activism. He took on topics ranging from capitalist exploitation to indigenous rights, and staged the famous 'Bed-In' against war while minting the primal chant of 'Give Peace a Chance.' Thanks to such efforts, he was harassed by Nixon's FBI and immigration authorities. Evidence suggests that the persecution may have succeeded in getting him to ditch plans for an anti-Nixon tour coinciding with the 1972 presidential campaign and culminating at the Republican National Convention. By 1980, Lennon had disavowed his protest career almost entirely.

—Spencer Kornhaber

War is a beastly business, it is true, but one proof we are human is our ability to learn, even from it, how better to exist.

—M. F. K. Fisher

On paper the obligations to settle international disputes peacefully are now so comprehensive and far-reaching that it is almost impossible for a state to resort to war without violating one or more solemn treaty obligations.

—Arthur Henderson

We must all make peace so that we can all live in peace.

—Jean-Bertrand Aristide

Men speak about peace but prefer war. Men head the majority of governments and control the increasingly lethal weapons, using women and gods as moral shields. Unsparing in its portrayal of men's nature, *The Iliad* should be read by everyone who hopes to understand mankind.

—Esmeralda Santiago

We cannot control the way people interpret our ideas or thoughts, but we can control the words and tones we choose to convey them. Peace is built on understanding, and wars are built on misunderstandings. Never underestimate the power of a single word, and never recklessly throw around words. One wrong word, or misinterpreted word, can change the meaning of an entire sentence and start a war. And one right word, or one kind word, can grant you the heavens and open doors.

--Suzy Kassem

Peace has to be created, in order to be maintained. It will never be achieved by passivity and quietism.

—Dorothy Thompson

You don't make peace with friends. You make it with very unsavoury enemies.

—Yitzhak Rabin

What has kept the world safe from the bomb since 1945 has not been deterrence, in the sense of fear of specific weapons, so much as it's been memory. The memory of what happened at Hiroshima.

—John Hersey

The struggle for peace includes the struggle for freedom and justice for the masses of all countries.

—Arthur Henderson

Peace is always beautiful.

—Walt Whitman

Poetry is an act of peace. Peace goes into the making of a poet as flour goes into the making of bread.

—Pablo Neruda

I am running for President of the United States to enable the Goddess of Peace to encircle within her arms all the children of this country and all the children of the world.

—Dennis Kucinich

Peacemaking is not just a set of things you do, but a series of commitments that you make each and every day.

—Eric Dawson

Law helps organize human beings in communities that allow them to obtain the benefits of living together productively and in peace.

—Stephen Breyer

I know of no greater work for humanity than in the cause of peace, which can only be achieved by the earnest efforts of nations and peoples.

—Frank B. Kellogg

Nothing will bring you greater peace than minding your own business.

—Francisco Gella

We have war when at least one of the parties to a conflict wants something more than it wants peace.

—Jeane Kirkpatrick

Peace is not absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means.

—Ronald Reagan

If we pulled together as much as to put over a siege of peace as we do a spell of war, we would be sitting pretty. We can't hardly wait for a war to end to start taking it out on each other. Peace is kinder like prosperity, there is mighty few nations that can stand it.

—Will Rogers

Given the same honor and dignity as men, women can build a much better and more harmonious world.

—Abhijit Naskar

Do not let people pull you into their storm. Pull them into your peace.

—*www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in*

For me, the real issues of our time are the issues of every time—the hurt and wonder of loving; making in all its forms—children, loaves of bread, paintings, buildings; and the conservation of life of all people in all places, the jeopardizing of which no abstract doubletalk of 'peace' or 'implacable foes' can excuse.

—Sylvia Plath

I am poor and naked, but I am the chief of the nation. We do not want riches but we do want to train our children right. Riches would do us no good. We could not take them with us to the other world. We do not want riches. We want peace and love.

—Sioux Chief Red Cloud

The peacekeeping role that scouts play...is more fitting than it might at first seem. Founded 1907 by the British army officer Robert Baden-Powell, the scouting movement combines military reconnaissance tactics with a pacifist philosophy—in his famous book *Scouting for Boys*, Baden-Powell urged readers to think of themselves as 'peace scouts.'

—Kevin Volkl

Health does not always come from medicine. Most of the time, it comes from peace of mind, peace in the heart, peace in the soul. It comes from laughter and love.

—*tinybuddha.com*

Peace is not when everyone agrees. It is when we can respect our disagreements and still play in the sandbox together.

—Internet Meme

I am in a place in my life where peace is a priority. I make deliberate life choices to protect my mental, emotional and spiritual state.

—*themindsjournal.com*

When I was 16 I used to admire people with luxuries. Now I admire people with inner peace.

—Internet Meme

It is up to us to keep building bridges to bring the world closer together, and not destroy them to divide us further apart. We can pave new roads towards peace simply by understanding other cultures. This can be achieved through traveling, learning other languages, and interacting with others from outside our borders. Only then will one truly discover how we are more alike than different. Never allow language or cultural traditions to come between brothers and sisters.

—Suzy Kassem

No one heals himself by wounding another.

—St. Ambrose of Milan

A good school is the price of peace in the community.

--Ursula Franklin

I ain't draft dodging. I ain't burning no flag. I ain't running to Canada. I'm staying right here. You want to send me to jail? Fine, you go right ahead. I've been in jail for 400 years. I could be there for 4 or 5 more, but I ain't going no 10,000 miles to help murder and kill other poor people. If I want to die, I'll die right here, right now, fightin' you, if I want to die. You my enemy, not no Chinese, no Vietcong, no Japanese. You my opposer when I want freedom. You my opposer when I want justice. You my opposer when I want equality. Want me to go somewhere and fight for you? You won't even stand up for me right here in America, for my rights and my religious beliefs. You won't even stand up for my rights here at home.

—Muhammad Ali

Violence never brings permanent peace. It solves no social problem: it merely creates new and more complicated ones. Violence is impractical because it is a descending spiral ending in destruction for all. It is immoral because it seeks to humiliate the opponent rather than win his understanding: it seeks to annihilate rather than convert. Violence is immoral because it thrives on hatred rather than love. It destroys community and makes brotherhood impossible. It leaves society in monologue rather than dialogue. Violence ends up defeating itself. It creates bitterness in the survivors and brutality in the destroyers.

—Dr. Martin Luther  
King, Jr.

You are a marvel. And when you grow up, can you then harm another who is, like you, a marvel? You must cherish one another. You must work; we all must work to make this world worthy of its children. The love of one's country is a natural thing. But why should love stop at the border? We are all leaves of a tree and the tree is humanity.

--Pablo Casals

Be selective in your battles. For sometimes peace is better than being right.

—Internet Meme

You are a light. You are the light. Never let anyone—any person or any force—dampen, dim or diminish your light. Study the path of others to make your way easier and more abundant. Lean toward the whispers of your own heart, discover the universal truth, and follow its dictates. [...] Release the need to hate, to harbor division, and the enticement of revenge. Release all bitterness. Hold only love, only peace in your heart, knowing that the battle of good to overcome evil is already won. Choose confrontation wisely, but when it is your time don't be afraid to stand up, speak up, and speak out against injustice. And if you follow your truth down the road to peace and the affirmation of love, if you shine like a beacon for all to see, then the poetry of all the great dreamers and philosophers is yours to manifest in a nation, a world community, and a Beloved Community that is finally at peace with itself.

—John Lewis

Use the words of the movement to pace yourself. We used to say that ours is not the struggle of one day, one week, or one year. Ours is not the struggle of one judicial appointment or presidential term. Ours is the struggle of a lifetime, or maybe even many lifetimes, and each one of us in every generation must do our part. And if we believe in the change we seek, then it is easy to commit to doing all we can, because the responsibility is ours alone to build a better society and a more peaceful world.

—John Lewis

The way of peace, the way of love and nonviolence is the more excellent way....When historians pick up their pens to write the story of the 21st century, let them say that it was your generation who laid down the heavy burdens of hate at last and that peace finally triumphed over violence, aggression and war. So I say to you, walk with the wind, brothers and sisters, and let the spirit of peace and the power of everlasting love be your guide.

—John Lewis

Peace has never come from dropping bombs. Real peace comes from enlightenment and educating people to behave more in a divine manner.

—Carlos Santana

The plain fact is that the planet does not need more successful people. But it does desperately need more peacemakers, healers, restorers, storytellers, and lovers of every kind. It needs people who live well in their places. It needs people of moral courage willing to join the fight to make the world habitable and humane. And these qualities have little to do with success as we have defined it.

—David W. Orr

Peace is active, not passive

Peace is doing, not waiting.

Peace, like war, is waged.

Together...we work to break the power of hate, and heal the wounds of violence and division.

—[www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org)

We've known for a long time that when women are included at the peace table, agreements are more likely to be reached, and to be longer lasting.

—Hillary Rodham  
Clinton

Each moment is a chance for us to make peace with the world, to make peace possible for the world, to make happiness possible for the world.

—Thich Nhat Hanh

Islam teaches tolerance, not hatred; universal brotherhood, not enmity; peace, and not violence.

—Parwez Musharraf

Our greatest power as nations and individuals is not the ability to employ assault weapons, suicide bombers, and drones to destroy each other. The greater more creative powers with which we may arm ourselves are grace and compassion sufficient enough to love and save each other.

—Aberjhani

Peace is not so much a political mandate as it is a shared state of consciousness that remains elevated and intact only to the degree that those who value it volunteer their existence as living examples of the same....Peace ends with the unraveling of individual hope and the emergence of the will to worship violence as a healer of private and social dis-ease.

—Aberjhani

First keep peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.

—Thomas à Kempis

We cannot have a just or peaceful society if major segments of it see little hope for their children.

—Robert E. Slavin

Root out the violence in your life, and learn to live compassionately and mindfully. Seek peace. When you have peace within, real peace with others is possible.

—Thich Nhat Hanh

Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.

—Confucius

Peace does not mean an absence of conflicts; differences will always be there. Peace means solving these differences through peaceful means; through dialogue, education, knowledge; and through humane ways.

—Dalai Lama

If we are ever to survive as a species, we need to admit we are violent and find ways to ease the plight of the victims of violence worldwide. (No, invading a violent country and bombing it will not inspire its people to give violence up. Go figure.) We must face who we are and what creates violence: helplessness, envy, rage, even the drive to grab the good things of the world that are flaunted in the faces of the poor. We must take responsibility and protect each other from violence.

—Tamora Pierce

I want my children to understand the world, but not just because the world is fascinating and the human mind is curious. I want them to understand it so that they will be positioned to make it a better place

—Howard Gardner

Someday, I hope that we will all be patriots of our planet and not just of our respective nations.

—Zoe Weil

Peace requires something far more difficult than revenge or merely turning the other cheek; it requires empathizing with the fears and unmet needs that provide the impetus for people to attack each other. Being aware of these feelings and needs, people lose their desire to attack back because they can see the human ignorance leading to these attacks; instead, their goal becomes providing the empathic connection and education that will enable them to transcend their violence and engage in cooperative relationships.

—Marshall B. Rosenberg

The education and empowerment of women throughout the world cannot fail to result in a more caring, tolerant, just and peaceful life for all.

—Aung San Suu Kyi

Education is, quite simply, peace-building by another name. It is the most effective form of defense spending there is.

—Kofi Annan

A good peace, a solid peace, a peace in which communities can flourish, can only be built when we ask ourselves and each other to be more than just good, and better than just strong. And a good life, a meaningful life, a life in which we can enjoy the world and live with purpose, can only be built if we do more than live for ourselves.

—Eric Greitens

Peace without at least some attempt at mutual understanding can endure. Whatever official document may be signed by our leaders in the future will be undermined on the ground, on your hill and mine. It will be a cold treaty, an unloved peace that will wither and die, or more likely be murdered. If nothing else, the intimacy of our geography makes complete physical separation impossible. And so, to live, we must learn to live together.

—Yossi Klein Halevi

The debates over U.S. peacekeeping, the complex discussions over appropriate government roles for international efforts and environmental change, economic development and population issues, as well as human rights—all these have a strong geographic component to which we can contribute and that young people studying geography can learn about. The importance of geography in the United States is fundamental because of its leadership position in the world. To continue our leadership mandate we need to train the next generation of Americans to appreciate the complexity and dynamics of this rapidly changing world. Geographic education is central to this effort.

—William Wood

All great nations spend peacetime preparing for the day war breaks out.

—Tim Marshall

Peace Corps volunteers work in Africa, in Latin America, and in the Asian Pacific region. They work in education, agriculture, environment, health, and small business development. When our volunteers return from overseas they may go into education, international relations, or development work. So what does geography mean to us?

Knowledge of geography and its skills allows us to effectively connect with our host country families and colleagues. Professionally, it enables us to see ourselves and our host country colleagues as part of a culture, environment, or economic system. Geography always influences us and it always involves people. To be effective in our work we need flexible, globally minded citizens who recognize the interdependence of the world as well as the diversity within its nations. We need people who understand that culture is a lens that colors all our perceptions; who can learn other languages; who can solve problems creatively; and who can evaluate and reevaluate constant flows of information and misinformation. We need basic information about countries and culture on all continents.

Geography is alive and well at the Peace Corps.

—Margaret Legowski

Learning to ignore things is one of the great paths to inner peace.

—Robert J. Sawyer

Learning to distance yourself from all the negativity is one of the greatest lessons to achieve inner peace.

—Roy T. Bennett

For peace to reign on Earth, humans must evolve into new beings who have learned to see the whole first.

—Immanuel Kant

Only when we have become nonviolent towards all life will we have learned to live well with others.

—Cesar Chavez

Because we all share this planet earth, we have to learn to live in harmony and peace with each other and with nature. This is not just a dream, but a necessity.

—His Holiness the Dalai  
Lama

[President] Kennedy established the Peace Corps on March 1, 1961, less than two months into his presidency, and the first volunteers headed out in August—to Ghana....it has sent nearly 250,000 Americans to serve in 142 countries around the world. The number of active volunteers peaked in 1966, when more than 15,000 served in 52 countries....Volunteers go to every continent except Antarctica, with nearly half today serving in sub-Saharan Africa.

—Miranda Moore (2021)

We have to learn to tolerate each other, we have to learn to put up with the fact that some people say things that we don't like. We can only live together in that way. But if we are to live together, and not die together, we must learn a kind of charity and a kind of tolerance, which is absolutely vital to the continuation of human life on this planet.

—Bertrand Russell

We don't live alone. We are members of one body. We are responsible for each other. And I tell you that the time will soon come when if men will not learn that lesson, then they will be taught it in fire and blood and anguish.

—J. B. Priestley

I wonder how the foreign policies of the United States would look if we wiped out the national boundaries of the world, at least in our minds, and thought of all children everywhere as our own.

—Howard Zinn

I don't know how to save the world. I don't have the answers or The Answer. I hold no secret knowledge as to how to fix the mistakes of generations past and present. I only know that without compassion and respect for all of Earth' inhabitants, none of us will survive—nor will we deserve to.

—Leonard Peltier

Either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together,  
and if we are to live together we have to talk.

—Eleanor Roosevelt