

What is required for peace

- Kindness
- Peace
- Love
- Understanding
- Empathy
- Perseverance
- Hope
- Non-judgmental
- Optimism
- Fortitude
- Wisdom
- Obligation
- Reflect
- Patience
- God
- Pray
- Forgiveness
- Justice

Christianity quotes about Peace

1. *"Peace is what I leave with you, my peace I give to you, I do not give as it as the world gives."*

- Pax Christi: Assists us in understanding the strong, loving relationship with Jesus. He talks about a peace that is different to world peace.
- Peace is something you give to all, we haven't achieved peace yet but we do need to work for it because it is an ongoing process.
- Reminds of the good relationship we still have with Christ, even though he is not physically present with us.
- Demonstrates his forgiveness of our sins.
- Highlights the significance of peace as Christ offers it and draws focus to his kingdom as his peace is not like that of this world.
- Christian's model Christ through offering peace and striving for world peace.

2. *"We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." - Inner*

- This goes back to understanding why Christ died for us. Because of Christ's sacrifice (the most important one), we are forever unified with God. Through the death and resurrection of Christ, salvation and redemption is achieved and we are unified with God again.
- This peace of Christianity recognises that we must know what love is and what peace and who Christ is to achieve inner peace. However we cannot rest peacefully or achieve "inner peace" without our brothers and sisters being in a state of peace as well. The mission Christianity requires the solidarity of all and this cannot be achieved without peace.

3. *"Peace be with you and also with you."*

- This is performed during mass (Sunday worship). For Catholics and the Orthodox Church this is performed before the eucharist. We are called to bring peace to each other before receiving the eucharist as a key act to show how our community is in communion with each other.

4. *“Do not overcome evil with evil, but overcome evil with good.” - World peace*

- Promotes peace because if you do evil with evil, you're adding fuel to the fire. Goodness brings goodness and evil brings evil. If you look at them as two polar opposites, if something is evil, that's what it will do and produce. More evil will result in more evil.
- Christians are called to model themselves on the actions of Christ, and during his ministry he was quite revolutionary, rebellious and even scandalous in the way he approached certain situations e.g. eating with sinners, conversing and healing outcasts. Peace, Christ's peace contradicts early Jewish concepts of “an eye for an eye” and resolves hurt and conflict with love. We are called to repair wounds with forgiveness and peace much the same way a doctor heals an ailment with care and attentions not with further affliction.

5. *“Turn the other cheek,”- World peace*

- It's not about giving up everything and being a doormat but realigning your priorities:
 - Is pride and greed more important than love and human dignity?
 - Are items and belongings more important than your soul and Christian values like integrity, peacefulness and mercy?
- Christians are called to hold onto what is good and not be so attached to things that can fade away.
- Christians are called to be meek by way of recognising the superiority of God and be humble, by no means is the act of peacemaking a task for the weak but rather one that requires patience and fortitude, mercy and love. So that the faithful can earn the title of 'children of God'.

Judaism about quotes about Peace

1. *“Great peace to those who love the Torah.” (Pslams 119:165)*

- The Torah is the word of God. Adherents revolve their heart, mind and behaviours around the sacred texts. Peace comes from God and the Torah.
- If adherents love what God loves, then they'll follow him. He wants peace and therefore promoting peace is a key belief.
- Being obedient to God's word is primary in maintaining faithful to his covenant. By promoting peace the faithful are acting out his teachings and honouring his word and instruction.

2. *“Behold I give him my covenant of peace.” (Numbers 25:12)*

- Treaty between the Jewish people and God - that they will be protected and given peace if they are faithful to the terms of the covenant.
- The covenant between God and the Jews is not a covenant that binds the faithful to be slaves but rather allows them to freely live in peace with one another by following the 10 Commandments.
- The **10 commandments + agreement with God = achieves inner and world peace (look back to 1. - if God does this then we follow, e.g. Love, blessings, justice, harmony)**. Through the Ten Commandments and the word of God, Jews are called to life. This is central in the lives of Jews, as peace is known as an 'obligation', and the faithful are obliged to constantly seek out peace.

3. *“Give a man a fish, he'll eat for a day, teach a man to fish, he'll eat forever” - Moses Maimonides*

- All about teaching someone and providing them with skills in particular the many skills required to achieve peace. Such skills are required to be taught to others so that they

can be peacemakers. Adherents of Judaism actively promote peace in the world, in order to influence other on a greater level. Links to qualities of peace, it takes many qualities of peace in order to achieve this, 'understanding, wisdom, optimism, etc.'

4. "The word of the Torah is for the purpose of promoting peace Talmud."

- The Torah is a guide for instruction, therefore, peace is achieved through following God's instructions (the Book of Proverbs is an incredible source of this wisdom) and therefore obedience to God's word. Torah = guide for instruction, obedience to God's word through the Torah > supports the notion that the life of Jews revolves around peace and the Torah.

5. "Do not spread false reports, do not accept to bribe, do not take advantage of a widow or orphan." - Exodus

- "Do not bare false witness against your neighbour" - one of the 10 commandments. This is an ethical statement.
- By lying you distort truth and truth is a higher value of God which achieves peace. Honesty is paramount to achieve peace since dishonesty and slander are contrary to peace.

6. "Love your neighbour as yourself." (Lev 19:18)

- Principle teachings - Love is essential in order for one to achieve peace. Love is a quality that is practiced to achieve peace.
- Love is absolute and is not selective. It overrides all evil and hurt and repairs broken relationships.

Christianity principle teachings about Peace

1. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

2. Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive those who sin against me? Up to seven?" Jesus replied, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

3. "Peace... is rightly and appropriately called "an enterprise of justice." (Is 32:7)

4. "There will be no peace among the nations without peace among the religions." (Hans Kung - Christian theologian).

5. "Love your neighbour as yourself" - Matthew 22:39

Judaism principle teachings about Peace

1. "The moral principles set out in the commandments in the Torah and in the later literature are rules about Justice, equality before the law loving kindness, social welfare and the ideals of peace and political freedom." - "The meet shall inherit the earth and delight in the abundance of peace" (Pslams 37:11)

2. "Peace in Jewish terms is known as 'Shalom' and comes from a root meaning 'completeness' and 'perfection'. So when there is peace in Jewish terms, that means things are perfect: there is calm, security, prosperity and a general feeling of physical and spiritual wellbeing."

3. *“Judaism principle teachings of peace is seen as an important concept in Judaism that Jews have a religious obligation to pursue it - “seek peace and pursue it” - Seek in your own place and pursue it to another place as well.” - Leviiticus Rabah 9:9*
4. *Judaism principle teachings about peace is further practiced in todays society, through the Jewish peace fellowship organisation, which is run by June Stillman, “The Jewish Peace fellowship aims to operate channels for peacemaking and cooperating with other groups but as a distinctive presence, giving a specifically Jewish affirmation of peace to those Jews who participate.”*