

Selected Statements about Peace by the Artists in the 2008 Search For Peace Art Exhibit

..Peace begins within ... There are so many distractions and intrusions in our busy lives that it is important to have a little reminders of what is really important. The process of creating it helped me to focus and find peace and with luck we will be able to pass along that sense of inner peace to others.

We say we want peace in the world, but then we also want to claim victory. So we “make a wilderness and call it peace” (from Tacitus, quoting a British chief talking about the Roman invasion and occupation of Britain).

Viewing the world from a helicopter is to see an aerial picture of peace.... I decided to juxtapose a helicopter onto a traditional peace sign into a ‘cathedralesque’ background. God is ever present and helps us see clearly. God’s aerial view IS a helicopter view; shining down on us as if to say, “**Give Peace A Chance**”

..the tau, the cross symbol (was) used by St. Francis as a signature. Bamboo is a symbol of peace in many countries. The word “PEACE” in several languages and scripts to graphically imply that world peace can only be achieved when all nations and cultures convert to peace in place of violence as a way of relating to each other.

I believe the USA causes more harm than peace...through war, so I have created a new flag of an old tattered American flag in the distress position with 5 peace doves sewn into it. Let’s be a nation of Peace not war!

This piece is about the search for inner peace in troubling times. World peace begins with inner peace. Inner peace is accomplished by knowing that we are surrounded by the presence of God.

Be able to allow others the gifts of love, hope, freedom and respect would go a long ways towards peaceful relationships.

In a peaceful universe, dictators would only reign supreme over dance floors at the disco.

This work paraphrases the verity of the great Beatles hit, ”All You Need Is Love.”

...think of PEACE in our daily lives:... wherever we ... take a moment to reflect on our lives.

I started a web site after seeing how John Lennon and Yoko risked their lives and reputations in social protest by calling for Peace. I came away thinking (that)....I should create an art project that includes people by being participatory, much like the ... search for peace art.org. My project is **The Body Peace Project** -www.thebodypeaceproject.com., it is a curated, free, internet, participatory art project showing photographs of a peace message written or expressed in some way upon the human body. (Parental discretion advised.)

ST. FRANCIS PEACE PRAYER (is a) guide for living the steps we must walk on the path to peace.

We are of many different religious and non-religious philosophies, and many different origins. Many believe with great faith, others do not. Yet, we all search. Instead of being divided over how and where we search, we should begin to simply understand that we all do search, and the search can be harmonious, rather than divisive. For it is why we search that brings us together. Overall, we search for the same thing: enlightenment and peace.

“Achieving peace requires a global commitment to find hope and goodness in all.

Music has the power to inspire compassion and understanding between cultures.

Flowers growing in peace together, each has its own beauty and does not take away from the others, but together add to the overall beauty

I often pray when creating (wearable art) pieces, much as one prays the rosary. This particular piece has a medallion made in Bethlehem and my prayers when designing and assembling this piece were for peace and reconciliation between Palestine and Israel.

When I was painting this image (based on my son Everett's hand) to use for our family's Christmas card, I kept hearing two refrains: "Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me." "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All."

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It shows people holding hands in love across the world.

This art work was inspired by my closing prayer after a meeting of our New Thought Ministries' "Peace Now" group. During our closing prayer, I had a vision of many strings of yarn, each attached to the many varieties of peoples all over the world, connecting together into a huge braid that reaches up into the heavens (universe) and ties together everyone in a cosmic hope for world peace.

Without freedom, there is no true peace.

This account reveals how war experiences generate stark memories and strong emotions decades after the event.

The graphics decorating this vase include my computer-designed schema of peace flowing from love – mercy – justice. ... the circular aspect fits because love will flourish in an atmosphere of peace, permitting the progression to repeat itself. The quotes I have added were just a few samples of thoughts generated by previous generations of seekers of peace. My hope is that our search will strengthen the natural upward spiral toward lasting peace and counteract the loss of momentum caused by war and strife.

.. we should be able to allow peace and harmony in our lives; We do have time, room and money for it!

There is no nobility in war. My Dad often said that. He related to me (his) vision of a kind of heavenly experience where those who had died (in WWII), Americans and Japanese, welcomed him and shared a circle of healing. He said his PTSD was much better after that.

Peace is found not so much in what we can take from nature as in what nature gives to us.

The fruit of Silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service, and the fruit of service is peace. Mother Teresa

I call on the Blessed Virgin in times of needed strength as I work for Christian/Muslim Unity in Sudan through the children helped by the Bahkita Project. I am a prisoner awaiting execution on death row. I have dedicated the remainder of my life to support the peace efforts of the Canossian Daughters of Charity in Sudan.

...the men who survive the violence of combat... will never fully heal, and their children and their wives will never receive or experience all these men might have been in the way of love and gentleness because of it. The effects last for generations.

the unity of the boys evokes love, peace, compassion, wisdom, non-violence, friendliness, and generosity

As a naturalist I look for metaphors in nature that lift our spirits, encourage our efforts, and point to hope.

During a recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land I painted this picture of the view from the retreat center where we stayed in Bethlehem, and prayed for peace.

Children are seeds of peace. Children all over the world embracing each other with their open hearts is a picture that makes me see my world, at peace.

Some Statements By Young Artists in the Search For Peace

These are things and places in my backyard that are comforting because they are always there. If everyone had peaceful places like this to visit, they would probably feel much calmer.

Jesus died for our sins, so we should make his death worthwhile by having peace.

Peace is caring for your neighbor.

It tells everyone that if you start peace it will spread quickly and make a change in the world.

It finds the good in bad people. It promotes peace, love and religion.

We should all be equal and love each other and be peaceful.

Don't Fight. Share a piece of pizza.

Peace takes hard work. It's like a code you have to solve.

You need many colors to make a rainbow. Work together for peace.

It's about loving everyone.