

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH

Que la paz prevalezca en la tierra

السلام للعالم أجمع

Да будет мир человечеству во всем мире

May Peace Prevail On Earth

我們祝願
世界人類的
和平

Puisse la paix régner dans le monde

世界人類が平和でありますように

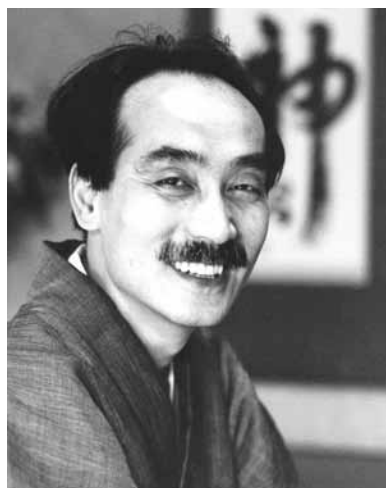
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The World Peace Prayer Society is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to uniting the hearts of humanity through the Universal Message and Prayer, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*. The movement was founded in 1955 by the late Japanese philosopher Masahisa Goi, who advocated a neutral, non-sectarian movement for world peace that transcends religion, politics, and ethnicity. Through activities such as the Peace Pole Project, the World Peace Prayer Ceremony, and Peace Pals International, the Society spreads the spirit of *May Peace Prevail on Earth* throughout the world.

The *May Peace Prevail on Earth* movement spread throughout Japan for three decades and in 1988, the international headquarters of the Society was established in the United States in the state of New York. In 1990, the Society gained official recognition as an NGO associated with the Department of Public Information at the United Nations. Since then, its activities have expanded worldwide through the grassroots support of volunteers and like-minded people across the globe.



Masahisa Goi, founder of the world peace prayer movement

A Movement to Unite the Hearts of Humanity



For human society to continue to prosper and advance, it is vital that those of us living today turn our thoughts toward love, harmony, and peace, and make a shift to a higher dimensional consciousness.

Now more than ever, we human beings need to go beyond notions of opposition and confrontation, and adopt a global consciousness. As citizens of the earth, each and every one of us needs to recognize that we are all part of the universe, the earth, and the world of nature, and that we must live in harmony with each other and with all living things.

It is with this in mind that we promote the universal message and prayer, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*—an expression of humanity's deep, common desire for peace, transcending religion, politics, ethnicity, and all other differences.

This neutral and non-sectarian peace movement was first promoted in Japan by the late philosopher and poet Masahisa Goi, with the pure intention of praying for the peace and happiness of all humanity and all life on earth. For more than half a century this movement has spread, receiving the support of large numbers of people in all parts of the world.

The creation of a peaceful world depends on the consciousness of each and every one of us.

With the heartfelt wish that all human beings might turn their thoughts toward creating peace, we humbly ask for your participation and support in this global movement for peace.

Masami Saionji
Chairperson

Hiroo Saionji
President



World Peace Prayer Society President Hiroo Saionji (left)
and Chairperson Masami Saionji (right)

The Peace Pole Project

Planting Peace one Peace Pole at a time



UK

Europe



Georgia



Germany



Japan

Japan



China

Asia

The Middle East



Iran



Philippines



Sri Lanka

Africa



Sierra Leone



Mozambique

Oceania



Marshall Islands



Egypt



Fiji

What is a Peace Pole?

A Peace Pole is a monument that bears the universal message and prayer *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in the languages of the world. They have been planted in every region of the world and are now recognized as one of the most prominent international symbols dedicated to peace. Planting a Peace Pole is a way of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift the human consciousness.

Peace Poles have been dedicated in public parks, libraries, theaters, community halls, and other public spaces, as well as places of worship and private homes. They have also been dedicated by prominent figures, international leaders and organizations. To date, it is estimated that supporters have planted more than 200,000 Peace Poles in locations around the world.



Japan

North America



USA



Canada

Gifts of Peace

WPPS carries specialty items with the message *May Peace Prevail on Earth*. They help to spread the spirit of goodwill to friends, family and community.

Peace Dolls are handcrafted by members using Japanese origami paper. They are featured at the United Nations bookstore in New York and are appreciated worldwide as peace gifts.

ShopPeace is the online gift shop of the World Peace Prayer Society. Peace Poles may be ordered online at ShopPeace along with various gift items. Each gift item includes the message, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*, which helps to spread the spirit of peace and goodwill to friends, family and community.

www.shoppeace.org



Heart magnet



Peace stickers
(Malaysia)



Peace doll

South America



Colombia



Argentina

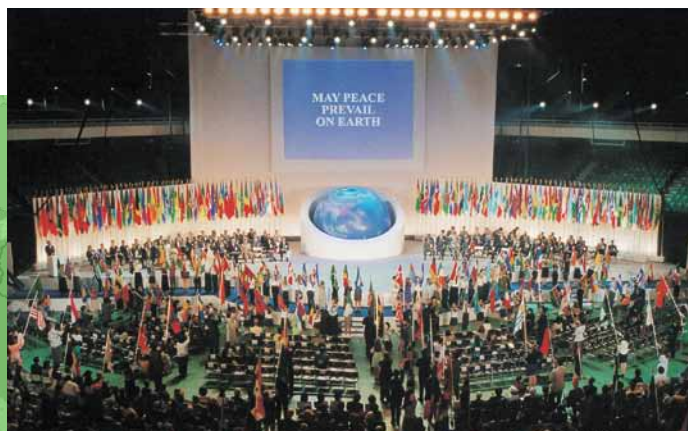
World Peace Prayer and Flag Ceremony

A global celebration of the oneness of humanity and all life on Earth



Europe

UK



Japan

Japan

The Middle East



Iraq

Asia



Pakistan



India

Africa



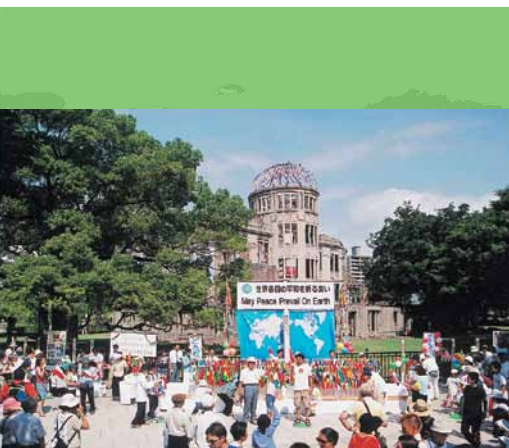
Ghana



Namibia

The World Peace Prayer Ceremony invites participants to send their heartfelt wishes and prayers for peace to prevail in each region and country of the world, in unison. Flags representing the nations of the world are often used to enhance this breathtaking program.

Ceremonies have been held on every continent in private homes, places of worship, schools, parks, community centers and other prominent locations such as city halls, national monuments and governmental institutions. Every year since 1997, the ceremony has been presented at the United Nations in celebration of the International Day of Peace (September 21).



Japan



USA

North America

Oceania



Australia



Samoa

South America



Chile



Brazil

May Peace Prevail on Earth

A global network for peace on Earth

The May Peace Prevail on Earth movement started in Japan in 1955. Since then it has been growing on the grassroots level with supporters worldwide. In the past half century, the peace message has been planted in the global heart on every continent and in every major city across the planet. It has been embraced by citizens everywhere expanding the network of like-minded peacebuilders who choose to make a difference in the world. The movement continues to gain recognition and momentum in encouraging the global family to embrace the Culture of Peace.



World Health Organization, Geneva



International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC



UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva



UN General Assembly Hall, New York



Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Jakarta



International Day of Peace at the UN, New York



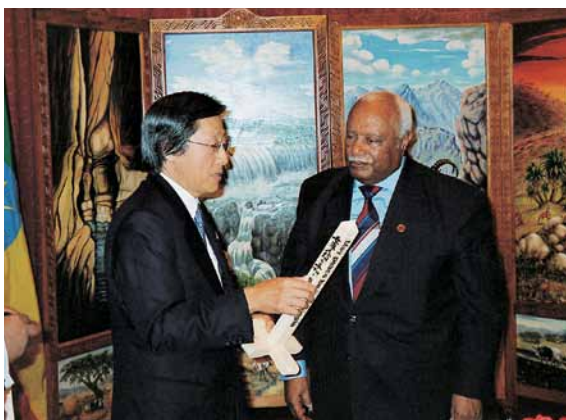
Earth Day celebration with Philippines cabinet ministers



League of Arab States, Cairo



Prime Minister's official residence, Japan



Ethiopian President Girma Wolde-Giorgis



Commonwealth of Independent States, Minsk



Festival at the World Peace Sanctuary in New York State

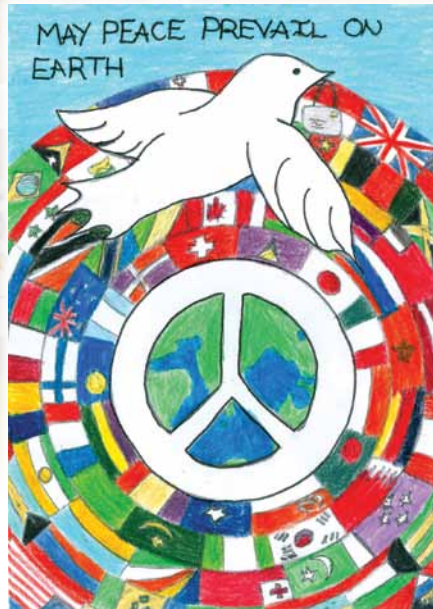
Peace Pals International

The Peace Pals International program is designed to encourage youth ages 5-16 to become peacemakers dedicated to living in the spirit of the words *May Peace Prevail on Earth*.

Since 1997, the program has been hosting the annual Peace Pals International Art Exhibition and Awards highlighting artwork from youth around the world. Each piece of artwork celebrates the visions of peace within the heart of young artists and highlights the message, *May Peace Prevail on Earth*. The Ambassador of Peace collection tours around the world representing artwork from close to 100 countries.



Ishita Manoj Shah, age 12 (Oman)



Bronte Wise, age 14 (Australia)



Ibukhun Fashanu, age 15 (Nigeria)



Sorina Calinescu, age 11 (Romania)



Tomoyo Tsujita, age 16 (Japan)



Bryan Jevoncia, age 11 (Indonesia)



WPPS Offices and Peace Representatives

The work of the World Peace Prayer Society spans the globe

The international headquarters of the World Peace Prayer Society is located in New York, with offices in Scotland, Munich and Tokyo. In addition to our members and supporters on every continent, volunteer Peace Representatives carry the peace message to their communities, countries and our global family.



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