

Interreligious Prayer for Peace on the UN Day of Peace 2014

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On the occasion of the international Day of Peace of the United Nations the Munich UPF invited to an interreligious prayer for peace. We all thought to pray is that what we can do now in this troubled world situation, and it is always good as a powerful means of action, and not only to calm down our own consciousness.

21. September
UN International Day of Peace

Internationaler Tag des Friedens der Vereinten Nationen
www.internationaldayofpeace.org

Eigentlich sollte jeder Tag ein Tag des friedvollen Miteinanders sein. Nur in einer solchen Umgebung können wir kreativ sein, Probleme lösen und Glück und Zufriedenheit erleben.

Friedensgebet und Meditation der Religionen

Am Samstag, dem 20. September 2014 um 15 Uhr
In den Räumlichkeiten der UPF in der Bodenseestr. 19
in München-Pasing

Sie sind herzlich eingeladen zu unserem interreligiösen Treffen!
Wir freuen uns auf die Beiträge Ihrer religiösen Tradition.

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After words of introduction to the topic of the moderator first of all the short speech of the secretary general of the UN, Ban Ki-Moon, was read.

The UPF with its consultative status at the ECOSOC of the UN feels responsible to support the endeavors for peace of the secretary general.

After that the Rom. Cath. theologian Gottfried Hutter, expert of the Middle East, explained to the audience, Catholics, Buddhists and Unificationists, the sheer unfathomable situation of the local Islamic world, its historic roots, development through the centuries and its present circumstances. This helped the participants to get a better understanding.

Dr. Alfons Wellenhofer of the Munich UPF spoke about the immense power of prayer. Excerpt of his talk: *Praying produces a spiritual energy we can help others with, in order to influence things for the better, e.g. peace.... Through praying we can bring down heaven to earth, the good spiritual world and the blessings of God.*

Ms Gisela Münster, Rom. Cath. theologian shared with us a beautiful prayer of the French writer Saint-Exupery.

And Mrs. Jung-Ja Holm, speaker of the Korean Spirit & Culture Promotion Project and Buddhist, shared with us her experiences with the Buddhist 'Diamond Sutra' and how its content can lead to internal peace. She emphasized the importance of considering everybody, friend or enemy, a Buddha, you can always learn something from.

The program was enriched by the inspiring songs of musician Gianni Scarcella.

Each speaker lighted a candle for peace and finally we ended our gathering with a joint prayer.

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