

WORKING FOR WORLD PEACE

Individuals and groups are working for world peace in various places of the world. These activities are not confined to specific persuasions or organizations but are being carried on by dedicated individuals working toward a great and sublime goal: WORLD PEACE. Let's join them! An invincible world power of spiritual, intelligent strength can be built which will overwhelm all war efforts. "In liaison with God nothing - absolutely nothing is impossible." P. 291:3*

A careful study of world news has made every one aware of the great dangers of world war and that there is a desperate need for strong, grass roots efforts in constructive action for world peace. Dedicated and wise moves in this direction are being taken by many in various areas. Examples are the well-known work of the people of West Germany and of Switzerland, not only to protect their people but to make the larger moves toward avoiding world war.

Three steps appear to emerge in these various situations: Prayer, love and action. The first step of prayer seems to be the most prevalent now. Groups and individuals in many persuasions of the world are engaging in prayer for world peace, some at stated times each day. On P.998:5*of our great guide , we read: "Even a whole city or an entire nation can be helped by such prayer devotions. Confessions, repentance, and prayer have led individuals, cities, nations and whole races to mighty efforts of reform and courageous deeds of valorous achievement."

"Genuine faith will remove mountains of material difficulty which may chance to lie in the path of soul expansion and spiritual progress. P. 1619:4*

Second, but permeating each step, is the cultivation and practice of LOVE. "Love is the desire to do good to others", is the definition for love used here. P. 648.* Certainly world peace would be contingent upon and a result of this type of love.

Third, in the steps we observe working toward world peace is ACTION. This type

of action or service is usually done on a quiet individual basis without any banners or parades. Each must take the human footsteps in the ways he is trained and capable. We are told that man must first be spirit-born and God-conscious, then, he will quickly supply the leadership and inspiration necessary for the social, moral, economic and political reorganization of the world. P. 2083:1

Humanity has dared to lower its ideals before the challenge of human greed, war-madness, and the lust for power; but the religion of Jesus stands as the unsullied and transcendent spiritual summons, calling to the best there is in man to rise above all these legacies of animal evolution and, by grace attain the moral heights of true human destiny* a destiny which can only exist and flower in world peace.

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