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1. "If we could read the secret history of our enemies we should find in each man's life sorrow and suffering enough to disarm all hostility." [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#)
2. We must be the change we wish to see. [Mahatma Gandhi](#)
3. "He who knows others is learned. He who knows himself is wise." [Lao Tse](#)
4. "Mankind must put an end to war, or war will put an end to mankind...War will exist until that distant day when the conscientious objector enjoys the same reputation and prestige that the warrior does today." [John F. Kennedy](#)
5. "There was never a good war or a bad peace." [Benjamin Franklin](#)
6. Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us, and the world will live as one. [John Lennon](#)
7. We have to face the fact that either all of us are going to die together or we are going to learn to live together and if we are to live together we have to talk. [Eleanor Roosevelt](#)
8. "If you don't like the way to the world is, you change it. You have an obligation to change it. You just do it one step at a time." [Marian Wright Edelman](#)
9. Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has. [Margaret Mead](#)
10. Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved through understanding. [Albert Einstein](#)
11. "Peace is a daily, a weekly, a monthly process, gradually changing opinions, slowly eroding old barriers, quietly building new structures." [John F. Kennedy](#)
12. This will be our reply to violence: to make music more intensely, more beautifully, more devotedly than ever before. [Leonard Bernstein](#)
13. God, make me so uncomfortable that I will do the very thing I fear. [Ruby Dee](#)
14. Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things. [Peter Drucker](#)
15. Our friends show us what we can do; our enemies teach us what we must do. [Goethe](#)
16. Women prevent the threads of life from being broken. The finest minds have always understood the peacemaking role of women. [Mikhail Gorbachev](#)
17. The wolf shall also dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. [Isaiah 11:6](#)
18. The obligation to earn one's bread presumes the right to do so. A society that denies this right cannot be justified, nor can it attain social peace. [Pope John Paul II. Centesimus Annus \(The Hundredth Year\) 1991](#)

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19. A spirit of harmony can only survive if each of us remembers, when bitterness and self-interest seem to prevail, that we share a common destiny. [Barbara Jordan](#)
20. The Holy Prophet Mohammed came into this world and taught us: 'That man is a Muslim who never hurts anyone by word or deed, but who works for the benefit and happiness of God's creatures. Belief in God is to love one's fellow men.' [Abdul Ghaffar Khann](#)
21. I know that you cannot hate other people without hating yourself. [Oprah Winfrey](#)
22. There are three truths: my truth, your truth and the truth. [Chinese Proverb](#)
23. A thing is not necessarily true because a man dies for it. [Oscar Wilde](#)
24. Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our Light, not our Darkness, that most frightens us. [Marianne Williamson](#)
25. "It is not enough to say 'We must not wage war.' It is necessary to love peace and sacrifice for it ... We must see that peace represents a sweeter music, a cosmic melody that is far superior to the discord of war." -- Martin Luther King, Jr. [Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)
26. Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth. Peace is all of these and more and more. [Menachem Begin](#)
27. We cannot change the past, but we can change our attitude toward it. Uproot guilt and plant forgiveness. Tear out arrogance and seed humility. Exchange love for hate --- thereby, making the present comfortable and the future promising. [Maya Angelou](#)
28. There is no trust more sacred than the one the world holds with children. There is no duty more important than ensuring that their rights are respected, that their welfare is protected, that their lives are free from fear and want and that they grow up in peace. [Kofi A. Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations](#)
29. No government can love a child, and no policy can substitute for a family's care. But at the same time, government can either support or undermine families as they cope with moral, social and economic stresses of caring for children. [Hillary Rodham Clinton](#)
30. Once social change begins, it cannot be reversed. You cannot uneducate the person who has learned to read. You cannot humiliate the person who feels pride. You cannot oppress the people who are not afraid anymore. We have seen the future, and the future is ours. [César Chávez](#)
31. Smiling is very important. If we are not able to smile, then the world will not have peace. It is not by going out for a demonstration against nuclear missiles that we can bring about peace. It is with our capacity of smiling, breathing, and being peace that we can make peace. [Thich Nhat Hanh](#)

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32. Fear less, hope more,
Whine less, breathe more,
Talk less, say more,
Hate less, love more,
And all good things are yours. [Irish proverb](#)
33. Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed and in such desperate enterprises?
If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away. [Henry David Thoreau](#)
34. I believe that to meet the challenges of our times, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility. Each of us must learn to work not just for oneself, one's own family or nation, but for the benefit of all humankind. Universal responsibility is the key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace. [H. H. THE DALAI LAMA](#)

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35. We, Veteran's for Peace, view peace as a positively active and creative process which requires courage, commitment, endurance, vigilance, and integrity. Peace is a struggle toward unity, and it is characterized by an absence of violence in all its forms, including discrimination based on gender, age, race, religion, social and economic status, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. Those who labor for peace are called peacemakers because they tirelessly pursue nonviolent solutions, work for economic and social justice, celebrate diversity, and strive to build relationships between adversaries through education, conflict mediation, and humanitarian relief. We recognize that peace is both a means and end simultaneously, and that it is never finally or fully achieved. This is because change and growth require some degree of tension or conflict. Historically, such conflict has provided the impetus for military solutions. Thus we, Veteran's for Peace, strongly believe that the greatest obstacle to peace is militarism with its reliance on violence and war. We further believe that peacekeeping action should only be accomplished by a legitimate international body. [Committee to Define Peace, Veterans for Peace](#)
36. For everything there is a season,
And a time for every matter under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
A time to embrace, And a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to seek, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate,
A time for war, and a time for peace. [Ecclesiastes 3:1-8](#)

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31.

The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love. The poverty in the West is a different kind of poverty - it is not only a poverty of loneliness but also of spirituality. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God. There is a certain kind of peace that is not merely the absence of war. It is larger than that. The peace I am thinking of is not at the mercy of history's rule, nor is it a passive surrender to the status quo. The peace I am thinking of is the dance of an open mind when it engages another equally open one -- an activity that occurs most naturally, most often in the reading/writing world we live in. Accessible as it is, this particular kind of peace warrants vigilance.

[Toni Morrison, *The Dancing Mind* \(1996\)](#)

32. I'd like someone to mention the day that Martin Luther King, Jr., tried to give his life serving behind others. I'd like somebody to say that day, that Martin Luther King tried to love somebody. I want you to say that day, that I tried to be right on the war question. I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try to feed the hungry... I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity. Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for peace; I was a drum major for righteousness . . . I want to leave committed life

[Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

33. We must apply our humble efforts to the construction of a more just and humane world. And I want to declare emphatically: Such a world is possible. To create this new society, we must present outstretched and friendly hands, without hatred and rancor, even as we show great determination and never waver in the defense of truth and justice. Because we know that we cannot sow seeds with clenched fists. To sow we must open our hands.

[Adolfo Perez Esquivel](#)

34. Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.

[Ralph Waldo Emerson](#)