



Poems for Peace in Our World

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In this project, primary, middle and secondary students compose poetry expressing the concept of peace for our world. Any student who has participated in People to People International's School and Classroom Program, Student Chapters, Student or Sports Ambassador Programs, Global Youth Forum, or Peace Camp may submit their peace poems to be considered for publication in our student newsletter entitled *Our World*. Poems may be composed in any format or length and must be students' original work. *Our World* is published each Spring and Fall. To be considered for the Spring issue, poetry is due by March 1. To be considered for the Fall issue, poetry is due by October 1. Poems may be submitted at any time.

•A signed parental permission form must accompany poems.

• Submit poems by postal mail to Poems for Peace in Our World, School & Classroom Program, People to People International World Headquarters, 911 Main Street, Suite 2110, Kansas City, Missouri 64105 USA or fax to 816.561.7502.

Please direct questions to Paige Leitnaker, Director of School and Classroom Program, at 816.531.4701 or classroom@ptpi.org.

I Dream of a World of Peace

I dream of a world of peace,
Where people can live a life of ease.
World where there is no difference between rich and
poor,
Life being pleasant for living ever more.

I dream of a world of happiness,
Where there is no sight of selfishness.
Where each and everyone can get their needs,
And have belief in their deeds.

I dream of a world of kindness,
Where people can know that value of love is priceless.
Where people could realize that of earth we are all
children,
And to have a kind heart is better for all men.

I dream of a world of loving mates,
Where people can realize all are great.
Where people can know that in this earth,
With a kind heart people must give birth.

I dream of a world of peace,
Where people can live a life of ease!

Riken Shrestha (Nepal)

Peace

Peace is kindness, and the kindness to care.
Peace is sharing, not evil and spite.
Equality and fairness are the essence of peace.
Those who are full of these qualities are virtues,
Are peaceful indeed with those who surround them
And pass on this joy to those full of greed
And give wonderful memories to cherish and love
The ones who receive peace are great people of virtue
And should be remembered in our great books
of knowledge
For their actions are kind and give happiness to others
The needy need these people approach
For they can give food and a house which to live
The poor people of earth are known world 'round'
But given no attention, save little gifts and toys
The people who need peace most of all.
And those who receive peace need it least of all
If peace was widespread through all seven continents
Then all fighting and war, all battle and mayhem
Would be needless and pointless,
And it already is.

David Vessel (USA)



Parental Permission Form: Poems for Peace in Our World

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child wishes to participate in an educational School & Classroom Program project sponsored by People to People International (PTPI). People to People International, with World Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri USA, was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among people of different countries and diverse cultures. Today, as a not-for-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization, PTPI has a presence in 135 countries with more than 80,000 families and individuals actively participating in People to People International programs. Please visit www.ptpi.org for more information.

The PTPI School and Classroom Program is a free service that pairs classrooms in different countries and facilitates educational projects that expand students' cultural understanding. The project *Poems for Peace in Our World* invites students to submit original poetry to be considered for publication in the PTPI student magazine entitled *Our World* or our annual magazine entitled *People*.

PTPI is proud of the contribution students have made to its projects and would like to feature their project work on PTPI's web site or in promotional materials, such as publications, that are distributed to inform the public about our organization. If we select his or her project work for the web site or promotional materials, **we will list ONLY his or her name and country**; no other identifying information about your child will be used.

Your child's project work will qualify only if he or she, and you as his or her parent or guardian, have signed the permission form. If you have any questions about the School & Classroom Program or your child's contribution to it, please contact Paige Leitnaker at classroom@ptpi.org or 816.531.4701.

Thank you for your support,

Mary Jean Eisenhower
President and Chief Executive Officer
People to People International

I hereby grant People to People International (PTPI) the right to copy and display _____'s creative project work in connection with the School and Classroom Program on People to People International's web site or in its promotional materials.

Student signature _____

Student name print _____

Parent or Guardian signature _____

Parent or Guardian name print _____ Date _____

Email address _____

Mailing address _____
