

celebrating oneness in diversity



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Symphony Of Peace Prayers

be part of the worldwide celebration

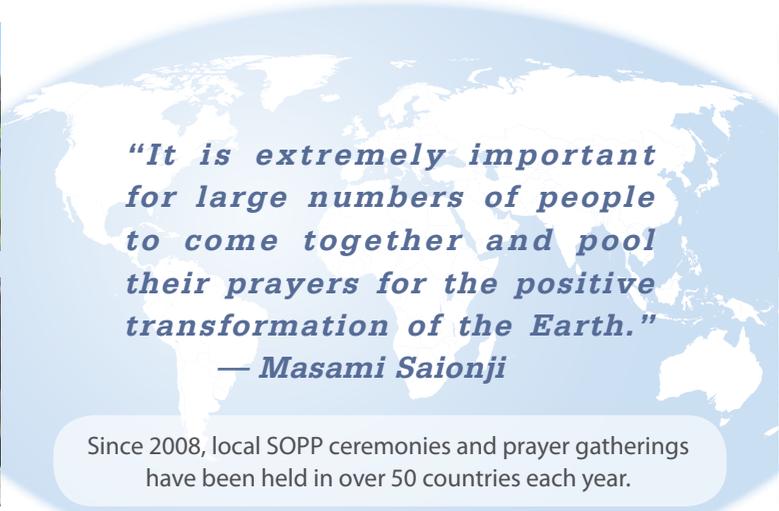
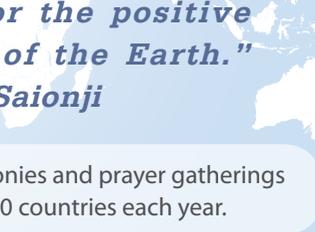
MAY 20, 2012

join in a ceremony near you or
create your own gathering for peace



May peace prevail on Earth

THE SYMPHONY OF PEACE PRAYERS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN HEARTS ACROSS THE GLOBE IN PRAYERS FOR PEACE AND HARMONY, RADIATING ONENESS, LOVE, AND JOY



*"It is extremely important
for large numbers of people
to come together and pool
their prayers for the positive
transformation of the Earth."*

— Masami Saionji

Since 2008, local SOPP ceremonies and prayer gatherings
have been held in over 50 countries each year.

On May 20, 2012, connect with a growing network of people around the world in sending out thoughts and prayers for the peace and harmony of humanity. Join in radiating the energy of this powerful celebration to every corner of the globe and out to the universe.

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The Symphony of Peace Prayers

is an inter-religious, inter-spiritual annual peace prayer event, first held in 2005 at Fuji Sanctuary in Japan. This unique prayer ceremony brings together people from different faiths and spiritual traditions to pray with one voice for peace on Earth. Since 2007, the SOPP has been linked with the larger-scale Global Peace Meditation and Prayer Day event (<http://globalpeacemeditationprayerday.org>).

Fuji Sanctuary —

global sanctuary of peace, home of the SOPP

Set in the foothills of magnificent Mount Fuji in Japan, Fuji Sanctuary is the home of Byakko Shinko Kai, an international grassroots organization dedicated to world peace and the elevation of humanity's consciousness through prayer and other easily accessible spiritual practices.

Since the 1980s, Fuji Sanctuary has continually hosted prayer ceremonies and other activities and initiatives for peace, including six SOPP ceremonies, each with several thousand participants. Today, Fuji Sanctuary is part of a global network of like-minded groups and organizations around the world.

For more information about previous ceremonies, and a guide to hosting an SOPP ceremony, please visit the Symphony of Peace Prayers website:

<http://byakkoblog.typepad.com/sopp>

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Opening and closing

There are many wonderful ways to open and close your Symphony of Peace Prayers ceremony:

- * a brief speech
- * a moment of silence
- * lighting candles
- * a reading or song
- * live or recorded music
- * communal dance
- * a simple prayer, such as the universal prayer *May peace prevail on Earth*



Prayers of different faiths and traditions

The simple act of sharing in the prayers of different religious faiths and spiritual traditions sends a powerful message of respect and harmony.

You may wish to invite local religious and spiritual leaders to lead participants in their own prayers for peace. Organizers and participants may also wish to contribute their own inspiring prayers and rituals.



Infinite possibilities: Create your own SOPP ceremony!

Prayers for peace in each country

In this global celebration of the oneness of the human family, participants are invited to offer prayers for peace in each country and region on Earth, transcending national, religious and all other boundaries, and giving expression to the universal wish for peace and harmony. You can use national flags of any size to represent each country as participants pray:

May peace be in (country or region)
May peace prevail on Earth

May the waves of peace, light, and love generated in the Symphony of Peace Prayers reach out to every heart, the earth, and all life.



Other programs

Enrich your SOPP program with any activities that celebrate humanity's diversity and create feelings of oneness:

- * Invite guests and participants to perform music or dances, sing songs, or read poems.
- * Honor spiritual and indigenous traditions with songs, dances, readings, and rituals.
- * Offer gratitude to nature through group prayers and activities, or a walk in a natural setting.
- * Hold a meditation to send positive energy out to the world and the universe.

