



QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Calls and Prayers for Peace

1. Define the following terms:

admonisher
diadem

countenance
equanimity

ensign
amity

luminary
enmity

firmament

2. These prayers and calls for peace include many themes, including:

generosity
humility/meekness

gratitude
forgiveness

friendship
prosperity

justice
truth

support for the poor

Choose five of these themes and explain how they relate to peace. Can you find any other common themes? Explain. Be sure to support your answers with specific examples from the texts.

3. Why do you think it is valuable to recognize the shared values and visions of peace and justice that unite different faiths and philosophical traditions?
4. How do *you* define peace? Does your definition encompass both interpersonal and international relations? Do you believe that it is possible to achieve your definition of peace? Why or why not? What can you do to get closer to your vision of peace?