Peace service

1. What do you think of when you think of peace?

We asked this question to over 100 people and put the results into a wordle to produce this image. Some words were really popular, so dove is the most popular word, closely followed by calm. The larger the word, the more popular the answer.

Would you think of one of the words here? How do you feel when you see how big ‘impossible’ is? When you read these words how does it make you feel?

1. Imagine a world with peace.

Imagine a world without war, imagine a world without class division or segregation, imagine a world without violence. Think about how united we would be, in a world full of togetherness.

Imagine us being at perfect unity, living in harmony. This would mean no more poverty, no more terrorism, no more rebel uprisings and no more segregation. This is where we want to be.

Would you prefer to live in that world or in our world?

We all remember the Manchester bombing- it not only had a large impact on our country but also on the world. If our country acted as a community then all of this heartbreak could have been prevented.

1. If there was peace, there would be more equality in the world. For example, there would be more women of colour in the government.

I think a world with complete peace would be very quiet world. If you think about all the white noise we block out every day, such as car horns and raised voices, if there was complete peace none of this would happen. No petty arguments, no big rows, no violence. Just peace and quietness and tranquillity. There’s a reason peace and quiet go together. You can’t have truly one without the other. Peace and quietness and tranquillity.

Everything would advance quicker and better, and we’d be able to solve all the issues of humanity.

I think that a world with peace would be calm and silent and no one would be judged by how they looked but by their personality. I imagine meditation or yoga every morning. I also think that a world with peace would mean acceptance of everybody with different race, sexuality, gender and especially different religions and beliefs.

1. The Meaning Of Peace

What is peace but a dream, a dream of salvation

The ribbon of hope, to unite every nation

It may not be much, but all that we are

Connected together, from near and to far

I will make peace, with myself and the world

What is peace but a dream?

What is peace but a word?

I’ll tell you the truth that peace isn’t a sound

It’s an embrace, from those all around

Embrace without knives, a kindly smile

Love that we didn’t have around for a while

Peace is a mother that holds close her child

It’s something that whispers to all human kind

The word in itself, many meanings will hold

Compassion, forgiveness to young and to old

Peace will speak, from the depths of despair

It will reach out, whisper- someone is there

Hand in hand with respect, peace walks like a King

Yet cradles all people, pride’s not our sin

Peace is but a word, yet we say it more

Than any other word we talked of before

What peace really is- not a number of sounds

But two warring parties that find common ground

It’s the mistakes that we made and said sorry

Peace is a hope, the cry of tomorrow

So rise

Peace isn’t a prize

There’s no war

No anger, no blood, no decisions to mourn

Tell my friends- what will you support?

Love on the cross Jesus had brought?

Or a meaningless word?

Stand, understand

Attempt to hear- the calling of peace

So near to your ear

There is nothing to fear

Peace is within you, if only you’d listen

My friends, please hurry, make a decision

Make peace with those that you hurt

Or if they hurt you- deeds and with words

While you still can- make that change in your life

Make peace your protector, please do not fight

Peace is so sweet because it will show

One person can make a big change to the world

What is peace but a dream? I’ll tell you the truth

Peace is a word- but the meaning is you

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1. Prayer: Father in Heaven,

We pray that you will help us to achieve a world of peace by spreading love and friendship. We ask that you will help us to welcome people of different faiths, race and backgrounds into our communities.

Help us to accept people of different religions so that everyone may work peacefully with each other. We pray that everyone will put aside their differences and focus on that which brings us together.

In the Lord’s name we pray,

Amen