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