World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just the absence of violence but the manifestation of human compassion.
— 14th Dalai Lama, (1935 - )
Tenzin Gyatso, Tibetan Buddhist religious leader

True peace is not merely the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice.
— Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929 - 1968)
US black civil rights leader & clergyman

Establishing lasting peace is the work of education; all politics can do is keep us out of war.
— Maria Montessori (1870-1952)
Founder of the Montessori Method of Education

Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict — alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence.
— Dorothy Thompson (1894 - 1961)
U.S. journalist

Is not peace, in the last analysis, basically a matter of human rights—the right to live out our lives without fear of devastation, the right to breathe air as nature provided it, the right of future generations to a healthy existence?
— John F. Kennedy (1917 - 1963)
Former U.S. President

Peace, to have meaning for many who have only known suffering in both peace and war, must be translated into bread or rice, shelter, health and education, as well as freedom and human dignity.
— Ralph Johnson Bunche (1904-1971)
U.S. government official and U.N. diplomat