

Building a Better World

Imagine this world: there is no war and no poverty. Everyone has a safe home, healthy food, clean water, medical care, and education. All are treated with fairness and justice.

Creating such a world is part of the teachings of many religions. Though some faiths have differing beliefs, we can agree about the importance of caring for others and the earth. When people of diverse

religions serve together, we can make a better future a reality.

How can you help in your community? You could help groups that collect food for those in need or care for neglected animals. You could help plant trees. You could use your creative talents to raise money for charity. Look for ways to bring justice to your part of the world and make new friends at the same time.

The sacred writings of many faiths promote peace, justice, and good deeds. Read the quotes, then find the **highlighted** items at the interfaith fair.

"Peace be to **earth** and to airy spaces! Peace be to heaven, peace to the waters, peace to the plants and peace to the trees! . . . May everything for us be peaceful!" —Hinduism

"Like a solid **rock** is not shaken by the wind, so the wise are not moved by praise or blame. The wise find peace on hearing the truth . . ." —Buddhism

"But let justice well up as waters, and righteousness as a mighty **stream**." —Judaism

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a **lamp** and put it under a **basket** . . . Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works . . ." —Christianity

"A good word is like a good **tree** whose root is firm, and whose branches are in the sky; it gives its **fruit** at every season . . ." —Islam

"We entreat God to deliver the light of equity and the **sun** of justice from the thick **clouds** of waywardness, and cause them to shine forth upon men." —Bahá'í Faith

