

the PEACE WALK



A 7-MILE WALK FOR PEACE



UNITED NATIONS:



The Heart-Home
of the World-Body

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The Dawn of Peace

Imagine, in the pre-dawn stillness, in every nation on earth, people walking in profound invocation to Peace. As they pass through village, town and city, songs of peace permeate the atmosphere. They carry their national flag or that of the United Nations. Their minds and hearts are full of feelings of love for their homeland, its beauty and progressive ideals. They dream of a time when each nation will offer its unique qualities toward world harmony.

As dawn clears, the walkers disperse and enter into their daily activities. The resonance of their morning experience lingers in their hearts and spreads to those they meet. For many days to come, they find new inspiration and new determination to work tirelessly and selflessly toward building a world family based on oneness, respect and love for their fellow human beings.

Endorsed by Nobel Peace Laureates

"I encourage participation in THE PEACE WALK. In order to end world suffering and division, we all must develop the inner qualities of brotherhood and selflessness."

Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu
1985 Recipient, South Africa

"I support THE PEACE WALK, a worldwide activity which contributes to peace. The path to peace is to liberate the consciences of the people. We have to disarm hunger and create new, more just and humane relations between people."

Adolfo Pérez Esquivel
1980 Recipient, Argentina

"I join you all in spirit and prayer that every step on your walk for peace will help bring the human family nearer its true destiny of love and respect for life and a refusal to kill one another."

Mairead Corrigan McGuire
1976 Co-recipient, Northern Ireland

"The most important problems in the world today are the survival of humanity which is endangered by the threat of nuclear war and the inadequate protection of human rights in certain areas of the world. This march is a good occasion whereby these issues can be highlighted. I hope that THE PEACE WALK will provide a good opportunity to reflect and meditate on these issues."

Sean MacBride

1974 Co-recipient, Ireland

"Because of the danger of nuclear destruction, every person has the obligation to do what he can to help the world to move towards the goal of international co-operation, peace and brotherhood. I support THE PEACE WALK as a step towards this end."

Dr. Linus Pauling
1962 Recipient, United States

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What Is The Peace Walk?

On 16 September 1986—the United Nations International Day of Peace—people in dozens of cities on six continents will walk for peace in a contemplative spirit. Walkers will carry the flags of their own nations or of the United Nations. Prominent world citizens, including diplomats, public servants, sports personalities, musicians and religious leaders of many faiths will be among the walkers worldwide.

Around the globe, Peace Walks will take place during the dawn hours, a time of day chosen for its calm, meditative qualities. In New York, participants will walk a seven-mile route, beginning and ending at the United Nations.

The Peace Walk is one of a number of events being held this year in honour of the International Year of Peace. It is an opportunity for people of all nations, cultures and religions to concentrate on the qualities within the human spirit which form the foundation upon which lasting peace can be built.



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BEFORE THE EVENT

THE PEACE WALK:

A Unique Opportunity to Walk for the Progress of the United Nations
on the United Nations International Day of Peace

NEW YORK, September 16 ... First on the agenda for the International Day of Peace will be a sunrise PEACE WALK and following PRAYER BREAKFAST, worldwide events happening September 16 concurrently in 55 different cities.

In a unique opportunity to walk for the progress of the United Nations in its journey toward peace on earth, participants will sing songs of peace or enjoy quiet reflection while walking with their country's flags through the dawn hours along any portion of the seven-mile Manhattan peace route. The route begins and ends at 44th Street in front of United Nations Headquarters.

Delegates and prominent world citizens will join the Walk in front of the U.N. Library at 8:00 a.m. for the final approach and closing ceremonies.

Ambassador Constantine Moushoutas of Cyprus then invites delegates, special guests and press correspondents to a PRAYER BREAKFAST immediately following the walk on the second floor of the UN Church Center at 44th Street and First Avenue.

THE PEACE WALK is from 5 - 8 a.m. beginning at UN Headquarters. It travels: uptown on First Avenue, crosstown west at 86th Street, downtown on 5th Avenue, crosstown east on 34th Street and uptown once again on First Avenue to the United Nations. Pick-up times target 6:15 a.m. for 86th and Lexington Ave., 7:15 a.m. for 53rd and 5th Avenue and 7:45 a.m. for 34th and Park Avenue. A map is attached.

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AFTER EVENT

THE PEACE WALK AND PRAYER BREAKFAST

A Unique Opportunity to Join for the Progress of the United Nations
On the International Day of Peace

NEW YORK (Sept. 16) ... While some slept, others walked with songs and prayers for peace in THE PEACE WALK, an international event commemorating the United Nations International Day of Peace.

Walking quietly or singing songs of peace, UN staff and assorted New Yorkers traveled a seven mile route around Manhattan through the dawn hours of 5 - 8 a.m. Each carried a flag of their motherland or of the U.N. The walk began and ended in front of the United Nations headquarters.

A PRAYER BREAKFAST immediately followed, a gift to the peace walkers by Ambassador Constantine Moushoutas of Cyprus. UN Peace Meditation leader, Sri Chinmoy opened with a meditation; he was then joined for prayer by Ambassador Moushoutas and delegates from Poland, Fiji, India, and Japan.

Two girls, seniors from Manhattan's Dwight High School, were making the peace events their first peace adventure. "I think it's good," said Stephanie Hirschman, who is studying Bible as part of her senior curriculum. "It brings attention to the fact that there are people who want peace." Her blond friend, Selena Lucas, agreed, adding, "And this was normal! When some people think of peace, they think of hippies. But this wasn't like that. There were businessmen here!"

Attending the prayer breakfast were Ambassador Winston Thompson of Fiji; ^{Councillor} ~~Ambassador~~ Kazimierz Tomaszewski of Poland; Japan's Minister of Social Affairs, Mrs. Mitsu Kimata; and Indian political councillor, Mr. Rath. Special guest was Mrs. Wangai Maathi of Kenya, head of the Greenbelt movement for which she had recently won an award. Ambassador Constantine Moushoutas of Cyprus hosted the event.

The Peace Walk was sponsored by the Sri Chinmoy Centre in cooperation with the Peace Meditation at the United Nations.

The Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations,

H.E. Mr. Constantine Moushoutas,

requests the honour of your presence at a

Prayer Breakfast

commemorating the International Day of Peace

at the

Church Center for the United Nations

777 United Nations Plaza

Second Floor

(Entrance on 44th Street)

Tuesday, 16 September 1986

Immediately following the Peace Walk

(approximately 8:00 a.m.)

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