



SRI CHINMOY

*☪  
Dreamer of  
World-Oneness*





Pope John Paul II  
18 June 1980



Mother Teresa  
3 June 1997



President Mikhail Gorbachev  
Raisa Maximovna Gorbachev  
16 October 1994



President Nelson Mandela  
20 September 1998



Princess Diana  
21 May 1997

Sri Chinmoy tirelessly dedicated his life to the dream of world peace and to the fulfilment of the unlimited potential of the human spirit. A prolific author, poet, artist and musician, an avid athlete, a respected spiritual leader, a dedicated peace-lover, and a devoted humanitarian, Sri Chinmoy—who passed on in 2007—continues to inspire and encourage countless people around the world through his creative endeavours, through innovative peace activities, and through the example of his own life.

### Literature and Lectures

In nearly 1,600 books of poetry, essays, plays and short stories, Sri Chinmoy conveys the richness and diversity of the quest for peace and self-discovery. His books have been translated into dozens of languages and have been published by major publishers around the world. Sri Chinmoy offered hundreds of inspiring talks, including invited lectures at the world's most distinguished universities.

### Music and Concerts

Sri Chinmoy composed over 21,000 prayerful songs which, in their lyrics and in their melodies, explore the length and breadth of the aspiring human experience. He performed his songs in more than 770 Peace Concerts to half a million people around the globe, always free of charge. A versatile musician, Sri Chinmoy performed on a dozen or more instruments in concert.

### Jharna-Kala Artist

Sri Chinmoy's vast outpouring of art continues to give people joy and inspiration at galleries worldwide. He named his art *Jharna-Kala* — "Fountain-Art" in his native Bengali — to signify art flowing from the Source of inspiration. His works include more than 140,000 acrylic and watercolour paintings, as well as over sixteen million peace-bird drawings which symbolise the peace and freedom of the soul.

### Service to the United Nations

In the spring of 1970, at the invitation of then United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, Sri Chinmoy began leading twice-weekly Peace Meditations at the UN for delegates and staff. *Sri Chinmoy: The*

*Peace Meditation at the United Nations*, as this meditation group is now called, also sponsors an ongoing series of programmes, lectures and concerts to promote world peace, often in cooperation with UN Member States as well as with organisations supporting the ideals and goals of the United Nations.

### Weightlifter, Runner and Athlete

Sri Chinmoy advocates physical fitness as a means of developing one's outer capacity and inner potential. He was himself an avid tennis player, sprinter, jumper and record-holding weightlifter, and completed twenty-two marathons and five ultramarathons. He also founded the Sri Chinmoy Marathon Team, which sponsors some 500 athletic events annually, from two-mile races to the world's longest running race of 3,100 miles.

### Humanitarian Service

Since 1991 *The Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles* worldwide humanitarian service has provided disaster relief, medical and educational supplies, and developmental assistance to those in need. Unique programmes like *Kids to Kids* bring joy to the lives of thousands of underprivileged children while building the bonds of love and goodwill between peoples and nations.

### World Harmony Run

In 1987 Sri Chinmoy founded the *World Harmony Run*, history's longest and largest relay run for peace. Every two years, the Harmony Run carries a flaming torch through more than 100 countries, passing it from hand to hand and from heart to heart, bringing together people from different cultures, backgrounds and beliefs in the spirit of friendship and harmony.

### Sri Chinmoy Centres

Sri Chinmoy's dedication to fostering peace in the aspiring heart of humanity continues through the work of the Sri Chinmoy Centres. The 350 non-profit Sri Chinmoy Centres around the world are composed of individuals from all faiths who seek to cultivate peace, harmony and goodwill within themselves and within their communities.

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Nobel Peace Laureate, 1979

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Archbishop of Cape Town (1986-1996)  
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*-16 Mar 2004*

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Nine-time Olympic Gold Medallist

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**Muhammad Ali**

Three-time World Heavyweight  
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