

Thoughts and Smiles – March 7, 2022

I can't make the world peaceful
I can't stall tanks from roaring down roads
I can't prevent children from having to hide in bunkers
I can't convince the news to
stop turning war into a video game
I can't silence the sound of bombs
tearing neighborhoods apart
I can't turn a guided missile
into a bouquet of flowers
I can't make a warmonger
have an ounce of empathy
I can't convince ambassadors
to quit playing truth or dare
I can't deflect a sniper's bullet
from turning a wife into a widow
I can't stave off a country being
reduced to ash and rubble
I can't do any of that
the only thing I can do
is love the next person I encounter
without any conditions or strings
to love my neighbor so fearlessly
that it starts a ripple
that stretches from
one horizon to the next
I can't force peace
on the world
but I can become a force
of peace in the world
because sometimes all it takes
is a single lit candle
in the darkness
to start a movement
"Lord, make me a candle
of comfort in this world
let me burn with peace"

~ John Roedel
Art: Annie Hamman
Sacred Sisters Full Moon Circle





Commented [TJ1]:



Just a warning if you're buying a watch on Amazon. I learned the hard way that if it says you can swim with it, this only applies if you can already swim without it.



SOMETIMES I LIE AWAKE AT NIGHT,
AND I ASK, "WHERE HAVE I GONE WRONG?"
THEN A VOICE SAYS TO ME, "THIS IS GOING
TO TAKE MORE THAN ONE NIGHT."



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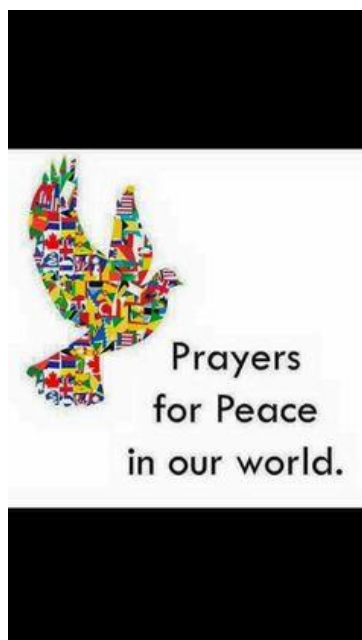
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FOR PEACE

As the fever of day calms towards twilight
May all that is strained in us come to ease.

We pray for all who suffered violence today,
May an unexpected serenity surprise them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,
May their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those who make riches from violence and war
Might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other
A new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

That those who enjoy the privilege of peace
Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb,
That our swords be beaten into ploughshares

And no hurt or harm be done
Anywhere along the holy mountain.

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