

Grant us Peace

Words freely adapted from Sim Shalom

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$\text{♩} = 66$

Soprano *mp* Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us

Alto *mp* Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us

Tenor *mp* Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us

Bass *mp* Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us

Organ *mp legato*

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¹ If performing with optional Oud, organ holds this C pedal for a further 25–30 seconds so the oud can improvise.
Then the oud will join with main vocal melody

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*Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace,
Goodness and blessings, grace and loving kindness,
And mercy to us and to all the world, all people.*

Bless us, loving creator, all of us, as one
in the light of Your presence the light You have given us,
You have revealed to us the law of life:
Love of kindness, righteousness and blessings
of mercy and life and peace.

*Sim Shalom¹, Namaste², Akaal Sabai³,
Goodness and blessings, grace and loving kindness,
And mercy to us and to all the world, all people.*

For it is good in Your eyes,
to bless Your people,
all over the world in every nation, at all times,
blessed every hour with Your tenderness.
Exalted are You, Eternal One, Maker of peace.

*Grant us peace, Assalaam alaikum⁴,
Goodness and blessings, grace and loving kindness,
And mercy to us and to all the world, all people,
Grant us peace.*

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When The Galileo Foundation approached me to compose something for their Peace & Philanthropy Summit in October 2024, I was working a setting of a 2,000-year-old Hebrew blessing *Sim Shalom* for The Liberal Jewish Synagogue's Yom Kippur service.

The sentiments of this blessing seemed so completely universal that I decided to make an English version of *Sim Shalom* for Galileo, with peaceful and respectful greetings from different faiths, in their respective languages.

Starting low and in a minor harmony, *Grant us Peace* rises and becomes more major, increasingly permeated with hope. The setting finishes with a passionate and optimistic C major chord, in ardent hope that our prayer is heard.

I am hugely grateful to The Galileo Foundation for commissioning this and including me in their vital summit.

Roxanna Panufnik, 20 August 2024

An optional oud part is available separately, EP73774a

¹ Jewish-Hebrew: Grant us Peace

² Hindu-Hindi: Bowing to you

³ Sikh-Punjab: With God's Grace

⁴ Islamic-Arabic: Peace be upon you