

# Interreligious Prayer Breakfast on the UN International Day of Peace

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At the occasion of the International Day of Peace of the United Nations the Munich community of the Universal Peace Federation invited for a interreligious prayer breakfast and a prayer for peace for the terribly shaken nation of Syria.



A vivid group of about 25 representatives of six religious traditions came together, from the Rom. Catholic and Protestant Church, the international Saufi Order, the Russ. Orthodox Church, from Scientology and the Unification Movement.

After an introduction to the meaning of the day which was under the theme 'Education for Peace' we read first some key notes of the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon and showed the short video of the UN 'Peace Bell Ceremony' in 2012. As a federation with consultative status at the UN we want to support wholeheartedly, as we know in order to reach the lofty goal of world peace we need worldwide efforts and forbearance.

The Roman Catholic theologian Gottfried Hutter led us in a choral for peace and then spoke about the reconciliation work of Jacob and his love towards his brother Esau in the Old Testament age and suggested that his efforts may serve as the best method for the building of peace in Israel / Palestine and the whole Middle East. His contribution was very well received and led much sharing.

Dr. Alfred Wellenhofer, Unificationist, spoke about the meaning and the power of prayer and that it should never be underestimated. Through praying we can bring down heaven and the good spiritual worlds and bring about God's world, he said. He reminded the audience on Rev. Moon's words: "Without a live of constant prayer you can not realize the will of God."

Before we came to the part of the Prayer for Peace in Syria Wolf Osterheld presented the song 'What a wonderful world'. Then the MC introduced the nation of Syria, its religious and ethnic diversity and its present painful situation with so many fatalities.

Prayers were spoken from the Sufi order, the Christian tradition and from Unificationism. Everybody was sure that these prayers reached heaven and will have a meaningful effect.

