

## Contemplative Space Friday 18 July 2025

### Isaiah 2.4

And he shall judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nations shall not take up sword against nations, neither shall they learn war anymore.

### Song by Pete Seeger (to be played on YouTube)

Last night I had the strangest dream  
I ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed  
To put an end to war.

I dreamed I saw a mighty room  
The room was filled with men  
And the paper they were signing said  
They'd never fight again.

And when the papers all were signed  
And a million copies made,  
They all joined hands and bowed their heads  
And grateful prayers were prayed.

And the people in the streets below  
Were dancing 'round and 'round  
And guns, and swords, and uniforms  
Were scattered on the ground.

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### Prayer

Dear God,  
We pray for peace and healing in the world.  
As we unite with love and compassion may conflict dissolve and wounds mend.  
In harmony may we stand hand in hand with our brothers and sisters always  
remembering that all of humanity is loved by you unconditionally and with no exception.