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Global Peace Prayer Festival (November 4-17, 2025)

In a world increasingly characterised by conflict, polarisation, and discord, where hope for a shared golden age of peace and prosperity is fading for a large part of humanity, the Prime Minister's Office is pleased to announce that Bhutan will host the Global Peace Prayer Festival, with a scope and scale that has never been done before.

The festival is scheduled for November, 2025. We warmly invite you to the Global Peace Prayer Festival. This transformative spiritual gathering will take place in Thimphu, the capital of Bhutan. The festival will include;

1. Jabshi Gyap (November 4-10, 2025)

The Central Monastic Body will host the ritual of *Jabshi Gyap* (བརྒྱ་སྒྲིབ་ཀྱི་རྒྱུ་སྒྲིབ་) at Kuenselphodrang as a part of the Global Peace Prayer Festival, dedicated to global peace and happiness. The stupendous ritual, seldom performed on such a grand scale, combines peaceful offerings with wrathful protection for healing, cleansing, and purifying the body, speech, and mind of negative karma.

2. Global Peace Prayer (November 12-13, 2025)

The festival will feature two days of non-sectarian Vajrayana Buddhist Global Peace Prayer (རིས་མེད་འཇམ་གླིང་གི་བདེ་ལྷོན་ལམ་ཆེན་མོ་) at Changlimithang ground, representing all sects of Vajrayana Buddhism as well as other vehicles of Buddhism.

3. Recitation of Bazaguru

The global peace prayer will also feature a mass recitation of the Bazaguru mantra, bringing people together in a shared aspiration for peace. This recitation will provide a mindful way for individuals from all backgrounds to participate in a collective act of devotion.

4. Public blessings (November 14, 2025)

The festival will feature eminent lamas who will offer a day of public blessings.

5. Kalachakra Empowerment (November 15-17, 2025)

The festival will conclude with three days of Kalachakra empowerment. Presided over by His Holiness Je Khenpo, the Kalachakra initiation will offer insights into an understanding of the sacred interplay between the individual microcosm, the universal macrocosm, and the innate Buddha nature and bliss present within all beings.

Alongside the Global Peace Prayer Festival, there will be an exhibition of Kalachakra art and artefacts, as well as scholarly seminars on Kalachakra.

The Global Peace Prayer Festival will bring together an unparalleled assembly of eminent lamas from all schools of Buddhism within Bhutan and beyond, uniting their voices for the healing of humanity. Spiritual leaders from all vehicles of Buddhism (Theravada and Mahayana) and all schools of Vajrayana Buddhism are expected to participate.



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This unprecedented gathering will unite spiritual leaders, scholars, and practitioners from every school and vehicle of Buddhism, harnessing the transformative power of loving-kindness and compassionate awareness to co-create a future rooted in peace and happiness.

We welcome practitioners, spiritual leaders, scholars, and seekers from around the world to partake in this pilgrimage toward peace and happiness, where ancient wisdom illuminates a path forward for all beings. The ceremonies will be livestreamed globally.

Prayers may be conducted in devotees' preferred language where substantial groups are present. A selection of prayers for peace and happiness, prevalent among all schools of Vajrayana, will also be offered in the original Dharma language, with phonetic renderings and English translations to ensure participation and understanding.

Simultaneous translation will be provided in English, Tibetan, and Dzongkha during teachings and empowerments. A comprehensive schedule, featuring lamas from across Bhutan and the globe, will be shared soon.

The event is coordinated under the auspices of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Registration is now open.

Follow the link to register: <https://www.globalpeaceprayers.org>

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