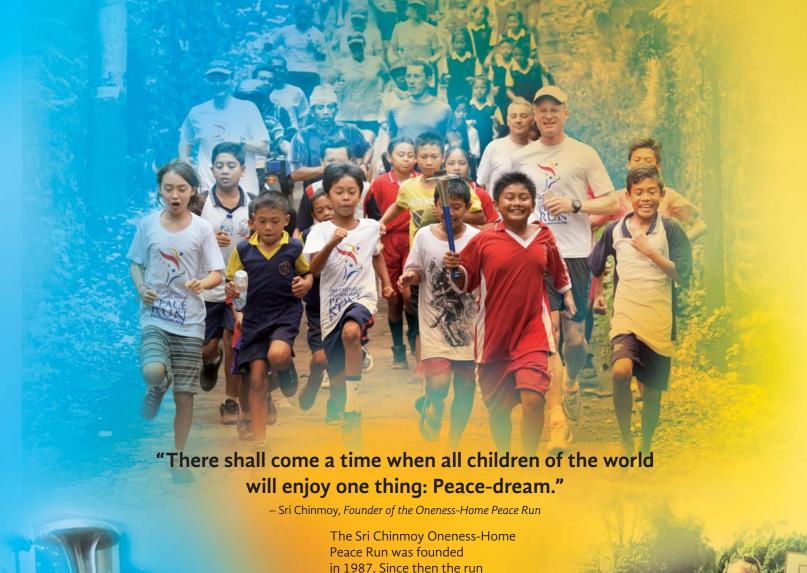


Global Torch Relay Running for Peace and Harmony since 1987



The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run was founded in 1987. Since then the run has blossomed to include more than 140 countries around the world.

The torch that we run with and pass from hand to hand represents humanity's aspirations, hopes and dreams for peace.

In the words of founder, Sri Chinmoy,
"The Peace Run is our way of saying
that world peace must begin
within the heart of each of us,
and that only by transcending
the barriers that divide us from our
better selves as well as from others,
will our world be a true Oneness-Home."











**Pope Francis** blesses the torch in Rome.

Former Soviet President, Mikhail Gorbachev, holds the torch with Raisa Maximovna, as Sri Chinmoy looks on.

**Mother Teresa** and Sri Chinmoy celebrate the spirit of harmony.

Nelson Mandela, former President of South Africa, and his wife, Mama Graça Machel, with Sri Chinmoy.



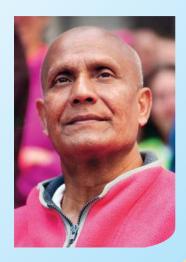
**United Nations Diplomats** join together to break a Guinness World Record reciting a poem of Sri Chinmoy's in the most languages at the global launch of the Peace Run in New York.

### Founder - Sri Chinmoy

The Peace Run was founded in 1987 by the late peace visionary, Sri Chinmoy, in a spirit of optimism, love and oneness. This spirit permeates the Run and touches the hearts of all those who participate.

"Everything I am doing is aimed at one goal –
the establishment of a oneness-family
founded upon peace. If I have peace and
you have peace and everybody has peace,
then only can we have a oneness-family."

– Sri Chinmoy



# How everyone can be involved!



The Run visits renowned heritage and cultural sites, many recognized by UNESCO, to encourage people to experience the values and culture of others.



The Peace Run theme song has been performed in many countries and languages, providing joyful ways to express harmony and to share unique talents.



Peace themed art exhibits and poetry events are wonderful occasions to bring people together to express universal aspirations.



The Peace Run has been welcomed in churches, mosques, synagogues, temples and other places of worship. Through the Peace Run, a culture of peace and a feeling of universal oneness is being fostered.



Appreciating the unity in diversity strengthens us. Far more unites than divides us. Above is a group of students in USA.



The Torch-Bearer Award program recognizes individual efforts by honoring peace-building pioneers from all age groups.



Then European Council President, Herman Van Rompuy, lights the European torches.

Former world record holder for the Marathon, Tegla Loroupe, with children in Italy.

Tennis legend, Billie Jean King, participates in the global launch in New York

Olympic legend, Sudhahota Carl Lewis, lights the torch at the global launch in New York City.



## Peace Run Theme Song

Peace Run, Peace Run, Peace Run!
Oneness-world-heart-joy has begun.
Peace Run, Peace Run, Peace Run!
Sisters and brothers, our peace-torch-flame
Shall feed the globe-harmony-game.
Peace Run, Peace Run, Peace Run!

Words and Music By Sri Chinmoy, March 12, 1991



#### Listen on peacerun.org/peace-run-song

#### **Countries and Territories Participating since 1987**

Albania Andorra Antigua & Barbuda Argentina Armenia Australia Austria Azerbaijan Bahamas Bangladesh Barbados Belarus Belgium Belize Benin Bhutan Bosnia and Herzegovina Botswana Brazil

Brunei Darussalam Bulgaria Cambodia Cameroon Canada Chile China Colombia Cook Islands Costa Rica Croatia Cyprus Czech Republic Denmark Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador Egypt El Salvador England

Estonia Ethiopia Faroe Islands Finland France Gambia Georgia Germany Ghana Greece Greenland Grenada Guatemala Guyana Honduras Hungary India Indonesia

Ireland Israel Italy Ivory Coast Jamaica Japan Jordan Kazakhstan Kenya Korea Kyrgyzstan Latvia Lesotho Liberia Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg Macedonia Malaysia Maldives

Mali Malta Mexico Moldova Monaco Mongolia Montenegro Morocco Mozambique Myanmar Namibia Nepal Netherlands New Zealand Nicaragua Northern Ireland Norway Palestine Panam: Papua New Guinea

Peru Philippines Poland Portugal Puerto Rico Qatar Romania Russia Samoa San Marino Scotland Senegal Serbia Sierra Leone Singapore Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Spain

Paraguay

Sri Lanka St. Kitts & Nevis St. Lucia St. Vincent & the Grenadines Suriname Swaziland Sweden Switzerland **Taiwan** Tajikistan Tanzania Thailand Timor-Leste Togo Tonga Trinidad & Tobago Tunisia Turkey Turkmenistan

Uganda Ukraine United Arab Emirates United States Urzbekistan Vanuatu Vatican Venezuela Viet Nam Virgin Islands Wales Zambia Zimbabwe

