

Global Torch Relay Running for Peace and Harmony since 1987



- Sri Chinmoy, Founder of the Oneness-Home Peace Run

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.



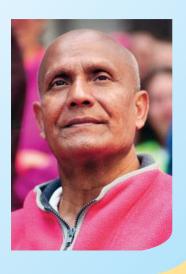
United Nations Diplomats join together to break a Guinness World Record reciting a poem of Sri Chinmoy's in the most languages at the global launch of the Peace Run in New York.

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

World Harmony Run Theme Song Words and Music By Sri Chinmoy April 15, 2005 Run, run, run, run, run, run! World – Har-mo-ny – Run. We are the one-ness and full-ness of To - mor-row's Sun.

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 Cabo Verde 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 Iceland

Indonesia Ireland Israel Italy Ivory Coast Jamáica Japan Jordan Kazakhstan Kenya Korea Kyrgyzstan 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 Palestine Panama

Papua New Guinea Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland Portugal Puerto Rico **Qatar** Romania Russia Samoa San Marino Scotland Senegal Serbia Sierra Leone Singapore Slovenia South Africa

Spain 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 Uruguay Uzbekistan Vanuatu Vatican Venezuela Viet Nam Virgin Islands Wales Zambia Zimbabwe

