

Anchor

Second week of Lent

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As I sit to write this article, I am acutely aware of the day. It is not only Friday (one of my favourites) and in the second week of Lent, but also the gathering day for all Christians to pray together. It is the global wide World Day of Prayer for Peace through Prayer and Action.

Think of it, all thinking Christians everywhere turning with one accord to worship God and bring our supplications to the Most High. It staggers the mind. The topic of our prayers too is rather awesome. We are to pray for peace. But what is peace? A shaky truce in Lebanon or El Salvador? An armistice between North and South Korea? The diplomatic posturing and stretching of

the arms race between the Super Powers? Or perhaps an end to family violence and child abuse in our towns? Or even a fall in the percentage of street crimes in Thunder Bay?

These are valid peace concerns; political and social concerns. What does peace mean to a woman who tries to feed her starving children, or a man who tries to carve out some safety for his family as they flee war and famine? Does peace then mean freedom from want, freedom from someone else's greed?

These too are valid concerns but the topic of peace and its meaning are so large, so individual, that all these concerns are merely facets on the same gem that glitters in front of us in the press or touch experiences in our lives, now and again.

Peace is so nebulous. It is physical, mental and spiritual. It is political, social and personal. The only reason we have some knowledge of what it is, is because none of us have ever experienced it fully. We know it is what we have not got.

Jesus had peace. "Peace I give to you," He said, "My peace I leave you, not

as the world gives do I give to you."

The peace of Jesus encompassed the concerns of the world certainly but it was more than truces and treaties; more than full bellies and safety. It was the God-given heaven-made **Shalom**.

Jesus' word for peace was the Hebrew word for 'perfect wholeness.' Something this shattered world could never have because the root of that wholeness was and is missing inside of each one of the individuals that breathed and breathes on the face of the earth. Unless there is peace within, Fulton J. Sheen wrote, there will be no peace without. There can be no true peace in the world unless there is the wholeness in every individual that encompasses all wants and needs and digs out all corruption.

"World wars are only projections of the conflicts waged inside the souls of modern men, for nothing happens in the external world that has not first happened within a soul."

Perhaps it is some measure of success within ourselves that we have not annihilated each other completely, or given up when

we struggle for a limit to the arms race because we are now mature enough to realize that words like 'defense', 'deterrent', and 'first strike capability' have nothing to do with hope and grace and mercy.

Perhaps it is a sign of God's gift among us when we cry out against child-battering instead of shrugging our shoulders. The root of peace is in wholeness, and wholeness is in God. That is why, in

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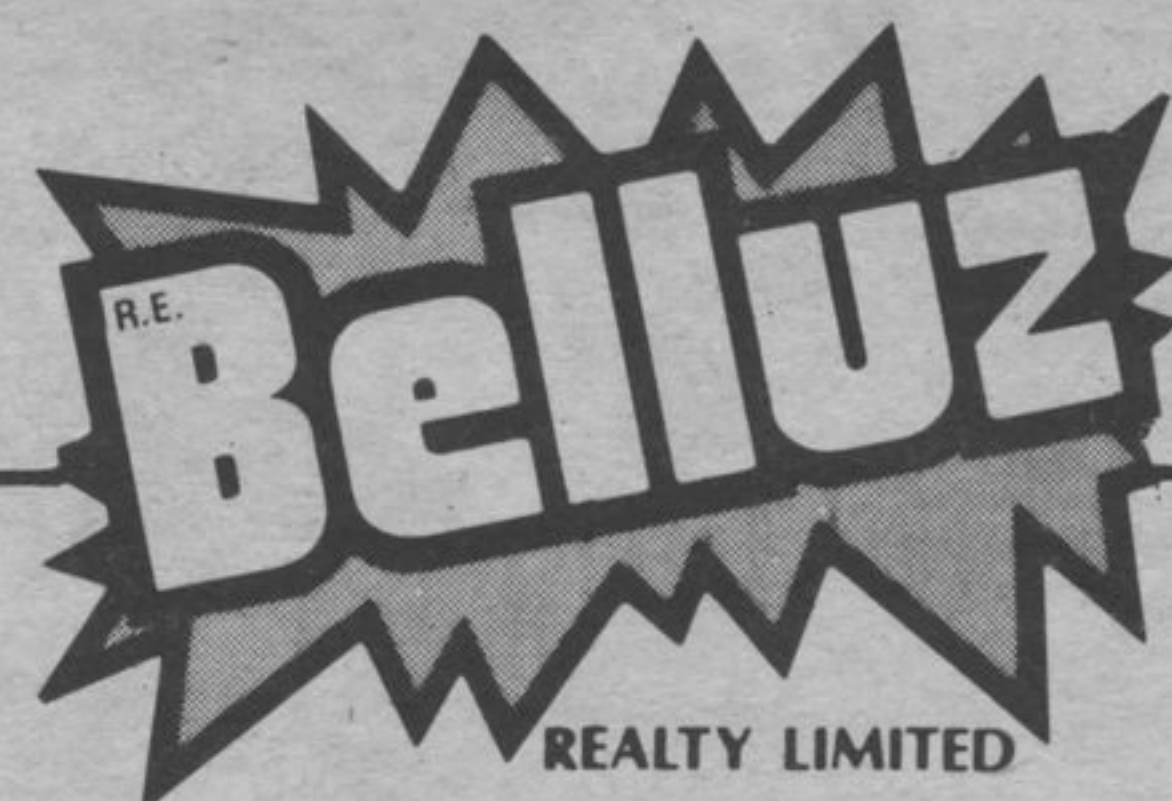
unity, we turn to our Creator today. And we turn not only in prayer but seeking and acting out our concerns, out struggles for peace.

In God we must trust, but our hands and hearts have work to do as well. Peace is a theme too big for a day or an hour, it must be a 'household' word, a recurring thread in all our life patterns, a lifestyle. But we focus for this day so that we have strength and direction for all the days to follow, for this week and next week and all the weeks after.

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your house? Might I suggest a neighbour or friend check your residence. If you would like, members will periodically check your residence while on patrol, all it takes is a phone call. If you are leaving your house vacant, leave it with a lived in look. Use timers to turn on radios and lamps and have someone shovel your driveway and dispose of any flyers which accumulate.

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