## 21.09 Quotes by Nobel Peace Prize laureates

"Now, please, with me, close your eyes. And imagine the world as it should be. A world of peace, trust and empathy, bringing out the best that we can be. Now let's go and make it happen. Let's hold the line. Together."

MARIA RESSA (2021)

"(...) peace is more precious than diamonds or silver or gold."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. (1964)

"Peace is a frame of mind. It is a frame of mind in which countries, communities, parties and individuals seek to resolve their differences through agreements, through negotiation and compromise, instead of threats, compulsion and violence.

F.W DE KLERK (1993)

"I truly believe peace is a way of life. War, a form of death and destruction..."

ABIY AHMED ALI (2019)

"It is my belief that the globalization of peace and human rights is more fundamental and effective than the globalization of anything else."

In French

"À mon avis, la mondialisation de la paix et des droits de l'homme est plus importante et plus efficace que la mondialisation de tout le reste"

NARGES MOHAMMADI (2023)

"In a conflict, one party can always claim victory, but building peace must involve everybody..."

MARTTI AHTISAARI (2008)

"Today, across the globe, women, and also men, from all walks of life are finding the courage to say, loudly and firmly, in a thousand languages, "No more." They reject mindless violence, and defend the fundamental values of democracy, of open society, of freedom, and of peace.

So I urge my sisters, and my brothers, not to be afraid. Be not afraid to denounce injustice, though you may be outnumbered. Be not afraid to seek peace, even if your voice may be small. Be not afraid to demand peace."

**ELLEN JOHNSHON SIRLEAF (2011)** 

## NOBEL WEEK LIGHTS

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"I call upon you in this room, and all across the world. I call for a march from exploitation to education, I call for a march from poverty to shared prosperity, a march from slavery to liberty, and a march from violence to peace."

KAILASH SATYARTHI (2014)

"This prize has come at a time when ordinary mothers are no longer begging for peace, but demanding peace, justice, equality and inclusion in political decision-making.(...)

I must be quick to add that this prize is not just in recognition of the triumph of women.

It is a triumph of humanity."

**LEYMAH GBOWEE (2011)** 

"There can be no lasting peace without justice. Yet, justice in not negotiable."

In French

"Il n'y a pas de pays sans la justice. Or, la justice ne se négocie pas".

DENIS MUKWEGE (2018)

"Hope is that thing inside us that insists, despite all evidence to the contrary, that something better awaits us..."

BARACK OBAMA (2009)

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"And thus we can hope that men will understand that the interest of all are the same, that hope lies in cooperation. We can then perhaps keep PEACE."

ALVA MYRDAL (1982)