

Report on World Peace Prayer Ceremony **at Hsi Lai Temple, Los Angeles, USA**

On January 7th, Sister Gita from Brahma Kumaris Los Angeles Center was invited to join a group of interfaith leaders from Southern & Northern Buddhism, Catholic, Christian, Jewish, Mormon, Hindu and Islam to have a joint prayer for world peace, social harmony and peace of the people at Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple in La Habra Heights (Los Angeles). This is an annual ceremony conducted by the Buddhist leaders with the intention of bringing all faiths together in a prayer for world peace.

The ceremony began with a procession (Picture 1) of the faith leaders into the prayer hall led by Master Huidong, the main monk of Hsi Lai Temple (Picture 2). Master Huidong welcomed everyone (Picture 3) and explained the importance of the ceremony. Each faith leaders shared their thoughts on world peace through a speech/prayer/meditation and ignited a candle. About 300 audiences from different faiths attended the event to join in the mass prayer.

Sister Gita shared (Picture 4) that the true nature and religion of the soul is peace. She encouraged everyone to sow the seed of good thoughts in the mind for each other and to spread light wherever we go. She conducted meditation (Picture 5) which brought a deep sense of lightness and realization to many and ignited a candle (Picture 6). After the ceremony ended, many approached Sister Gita personally and shared their beautiful experiences during meditation that they never felt before. The event ended with a group picture (Picture 7) and vegetarian lunch.

Attached are the pictures of the event in order.

Thank you.

Best Wishes,

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