

1 In 1945 the United Nations was established, and building began in New York for their headquarters, on land set aside by the United States. On this day in 1952 the first session was held in the new United Nations building in New York. On the front of that building appear words from the Bible found in the prophet Isaiah:

2 *“They will hammer their swords  
so that they become ploughs.  
Their spears will be forged  
into pruning-hooks.  
Nations will never go to war again;  
there will be no more training for war.”*

3 Instruments of war will be changed into instruments of agriculture - an attitude of war will be transformed into an attitude of peace.

4 Let's pray for peace in parts of our world where there is war and violence and bloodshed. We pray in the words of what is called *“The Universal Prayer for Peace”* - a prayer that is used in many countries and in many different languages:

5 **O God,  
lead us from death to life,  
from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope,  
from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love,  
from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts,  
our world, our universe. Amen.**

*(“The Universal Prayer of Peace”)*

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