

A Walk for Peace on the WORLD PEACE LABYRINTH

The *World Peace Labyrinth* was developed in cooperation with the Chaplains Office for the Salt Lake City Olympic Games. It is an elliptical seven circuit 24 x 35 foot portable labyrinth that was available in the Olympic Village Chapel about 6 hours a day during the 2002 Winter Olympics. Visitors, athletes and staff walked the labyrinth in preparation, in prayer, in meditation, and for peaceful intent.

The design overall consists of seven paths in concentric ellipses with proportions set by Sacred Geometric ratios. The lines are painted in Green, Brown & Blue to represent harmony with the Earth. The labyrinth is divided in quadrants, which can represent the four winds or four directions. A central theme of the labyrinth is the Tree of Life - In the Bible book of Genesis, the tree of life is in the center of the Garden of Eden, and four rivers flow from its roots in four directions.

Symbols of peace taken from many cultures are encountered along the path. A Medicine Wheel, The Peace Crane, a Torch, A Handshake, The Dolphin, A Rainbow, & Dove with Olive Branch. The material is white, a color representing peace.

As you walk the labyrinth, allow your mind to become peaceful, contemplate World Peace in silence. Pause as needed to focus, as you arrive at the goal/center, consider

Your personal definition of "World Peace"?

What needs to be done to accomplish World Peace?

As you walk out following the same path,

Consider what role will you play in seeking World Peace?

Since its debut at the 2002 Winter Olympics, The World Peace Labyrinth has been presented in several cities across the country. It is available for future World Peace Walk events.

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Labyrinths

There are several thousand public labyrinth projects across the country. The Labyrinth Coalition maintains links to listings on the web site at www.labyrinths.org.

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