

You are invited to be part of a unique celebration of the invincibility of the human spirit.

Between April 21 and August 7, 1989 over a hundred thousand people —including at least one representative of every country on Earth — will carry a torch for peace over a route longer than the entire circumference of the globe.

It will be history's largest and longest relay: The Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run.

World peace is happening ... slowly. We can make it happen faster, one person at a time, step by step. The Peace Run is a globe-spanning effort offering people the

What is
The Peace
Run?

chance to see and feel that each step they take for world peace is one step closer toward world peace. There are no funds being raised, no political causes involved. Participation is the only fee and a desire for world harmony the only politics.

Starting April 21 an inaugural Peace Torch will be lit in New York City. Over

the next fifteen weeks, through more than 1,000 communities in all 50 states of the U.S., across Africa, Europe, Asia and South America, spanning Canada, Mexico, Central America, Australia, Japan and the Pacific, crossing mountains, jungles, deserts and cities, people will carry the Peace Torch.

On August 7, thirty-one thousand miles and one hundred nine days later, torch bearers from around the world will return to New York for a grand finale of this historic event—a testament to the strength and determination of humanity's quest for lasting peace among the peoples of the world.

Actress Joanne Woodward



I commend the organizers of the Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run for undertaking this historic initiative and wish the very best to all those who are taking part the world over.

Brian Mulroney
Prime Minister of Canada



Singer Carly Simon at the opening ceremonies of the 1987 Peace Run

Just as peace is a continuous process, for most of its 31,000 miles the Peace Run will consist of continuous relays in the U.S., Canada, Iceland, Europe, Japan,

How Does
The Peace
Run Work?

Australia, and Africa, as well as local runs in South America and Asia.

From city to city, village to village and from hand to hand, the peace torch will bring the message of world peace to factories and farms alike.

Organizers from each country have carefully planned each step of the route to ensure that individuals, running clubs, schools, corporations,

community groups, government officials and the media will all have ample opportunities to participate in this historic event.





Rock Musician Clarence Clemons



American football great Willie Gault passing through Chicago

Your aim is to foster harmony and peaceful cooperation among nations through increased human contacts. Your essential message is that we, the members of the human family, despite our many differences, have infinitely much more to unite and bond us together.

Accordingly, as United Nations Secretary-General, I wish you every success in this endeavor, for you are each ambassadors in the cause of peace.

Javier Pérez de Cuéllar
United Nations Secretary-General

The Peace Run is much more than just a run and there are many ways to participate. As a sponsor, runner, organizer or simply by coming out and cheering the

More Than a Run Peace Torch as it passes, everyone will have an opportunity to join in this statement of world harmony. Individuals can also join one of several hundred welcoming ceremonies where the runners bearing the Peace Torch will be greeted by local celebrities, government officials and members of the public in the villages, towns and cities all along the route.

The Peace Torches will seen by millions. Millions more who live in areas not on the route of the torch will participate during a minute of silence dedicated to the cause of world peace. These Silent Steps for Peace will be held at major sports events, music concerts, and cultural exhibitions around the world in coordination with the Peace Run.

No matter how you participate, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are joining your friends, your community and hundreds of thousands of individuals from around the world who have decided that they can make a difference for world peace. You can be a part of it.



The Peace Run in Japan was front page news as runners covered the length of the nation.

I am happy to support your Peace Run for justice, peace and reconciliation. The world must know that God wants us to live amicably as brothers and sisters, members of one family, the human family, God's family.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu Winner, Nobel Peace Prize



Marathoners Ingrid Kristiansen and Grete Waitz pause before the statue of Alfred Nobel in Oslo