

WOMEN *and* the NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



The Nobel Peace Prize has become the world's most prestigious prize for the preservation of peace. Since 1901, it has been awarded to individuals and organizations committed to peace, human rights and humanitarian causes.

Ninety-seven individuals and 20 organizations had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize by 2010.

Female Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

- 1905 - Bertha von Suttner
- 1931 - Jane Addams
- 1946 - Emily Greene Balch
- 1976 - Betty Williams
- 1976 - Mairead Corrigan
- 1979 - Mother Teresa
- 1982 - Alva Myrdal
- 1991 - Aung San Suu Kyi
- 1992 - Rigoberta Menchú Tum
- 1997 - Jody Williams
- 2003 - Shirin Ebadi
- 2004 - Wangari Maathai



CALL TO TEN MILLION

“If ten million women really want security, real representation, honesty, wise and just legislation, happier and more comfortable conditions of living, and a future with the horrors of war removed from the horizon, then these ten million women must bestir themselves.”

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Betty Williams

“We are deeply, passionately dedicated to the cause of

nonviolence, to the force of truth and love, to soul-force. To those who say that we are naive, utopian idealists, we say that we are the only realists.”



Wangari Maathai

“We can work together for a better world with men and women of goodwill....

Mankind's universal values of love, compassion, solidarity, caring and tolerance should form the basis for this global ethic, which should permeate culture, politics, trade, religion and philosophy.”



Shirin Ebadi

“If the 21st century wishes to free itself from the cycle of violence,

acts of terror and war, and avoid repetition of the experience of the 20th century ... there is no other way except by understanding and putting into practice every human right for all mankind, irrespective of race, gender, faith, nationality or social status.”

WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

“My mother taught me self-respect. She always insisted, ‘There’s no law that says people have to suffer.’”

ROSA PARKS



Countless women devote themselves to the pursuit of peace—though activities dedicated to such issues as education, children’s rights and nuclear abolition. Women lead in efforts to battle hunger, poverty and assaults on the environment.

Some of these women rose to prominence in their own fields—entertainment, law and politics. Some are less well known. All are committed to the creation of a more just and peaceful world.



CORAZON AQUINO

“Democracy in the end is the best system for ordinary people. It is the only one that exalts them and unites them in peace across all the countries of the world.”



ESTHER CHÁVEZ

“It is necessary to create respect for the weakest ones—children, women and old people—and to teach, educate and campaign to raise awareness of the value of all life, the Divine Gift.”



HAZEL HENDERSON

“Women know how much time, love and effort goes into raising a child. When war arises, all that is reduced to nothing ... this is why women’s active participation in conflict resolution is of great importance.”



OPRAH WINFREY

“My philosophy is that not only are you responsible for your life, but doing the best at this moment puts you in the best place for the next moment.... Where there is no struggle, there is no strength.”

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THE CENTURY of WOMEN



Throughout history, women have worked tirelessly for the peace and safety of their families and their communities. Today, women are taking leading roles in the quest for global security and equal rights. ● The continuing empowerment of women throughout the world is a key to solving the world’s most pressing issues. ● This exhibit features the contributions of a few women. Untold millions more—both prominent and little known—have dedicated themselves to a fair and peaceful future.