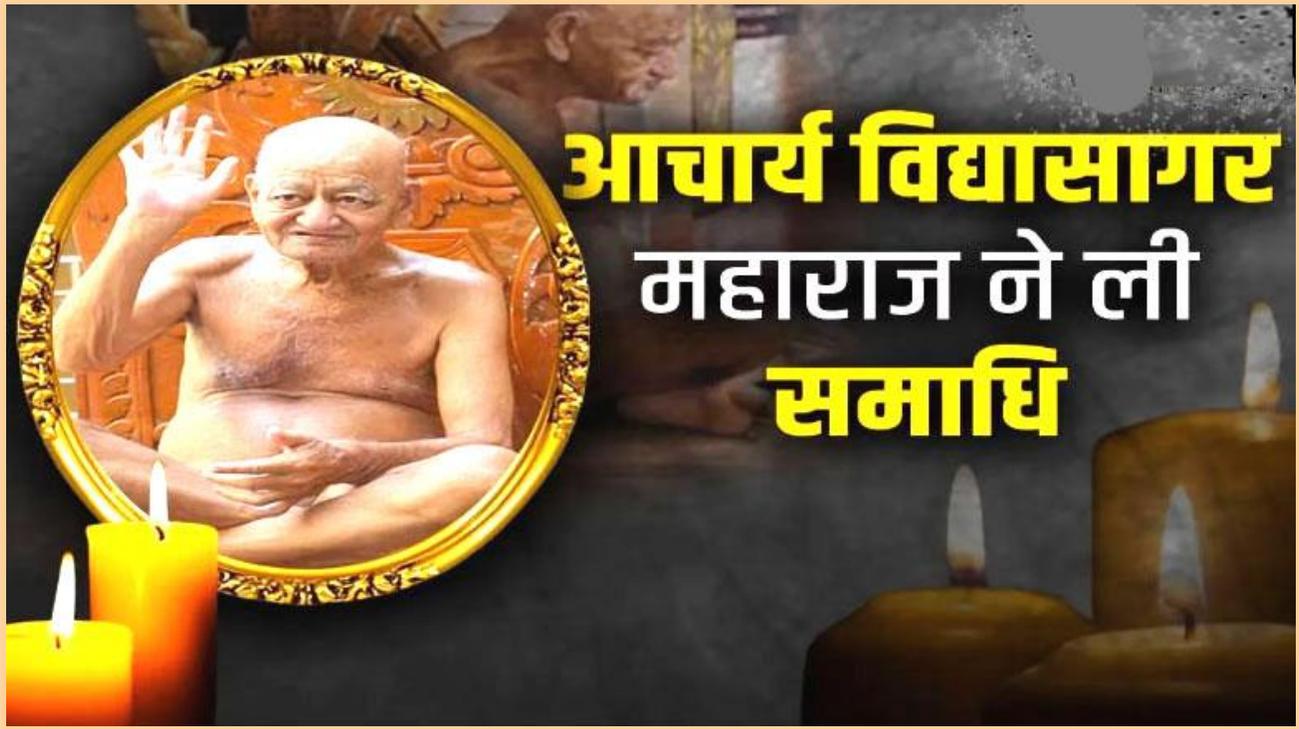




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## ACHARYA VIDYASAGAR JI MAHARAJ



It is with heavy hearts that we extend our deepest condolences on the passing of the highly respected Digambar Jain Saint, Acharya Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj. On behalf of Ahimsa Foundation and all its members, I wish to express our profound grief at the loss of such a revered spiritual leader.

Acharya Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj was not only a beacon of wisdom and compassion but also an embodiment of the principles of Ahimsa (non-violence) that are at the core of Jain philosophy. His life was a testament to the values of selflessness, tolerance, and respect for all living beings. Through his teachings and exemplary way of life, he inspired countless individuals to strive for inner peace and harmony with the world around them.

His contributions to society, including his efforts in promoting education, healthcare, and humanitarian causes, have left an indelible mark on the hearts of many. His dedication to serving humanity without discrimination will continue to serve as a guiding light for generations to come.

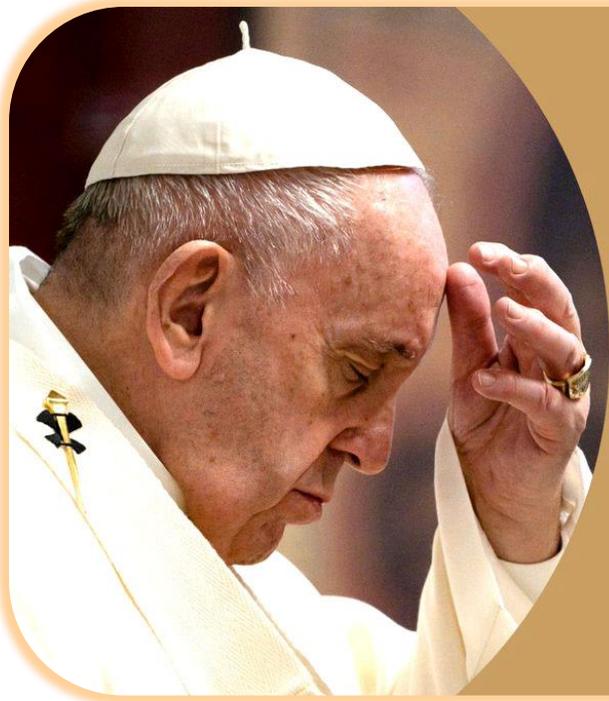
As we mourn the loss of Acharya Vidyasagar Ji Maharaj, let us also celebrate the legacy he leaves behind—a legacy of love, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the well-being of all sentient beings. May his noble soul rest in eternal peace, knowing that his life has touched the lives of countless individuals and will continue to inspire goodness in the world.

In this time of sorrow, our thoughts and prayers are with his followers, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him personally. May they find solace in the memories of his extraordinary life and the profound impact he had on the world.

On Behalf of Members of Ahimsa Foundation

Anil Jain  
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## LET'S NOT FORGET UKRAINE, PALESTINE, ISRAEL, AND ROHINGYA': POPE FRANCIS PRAYS FOR WORLD PEAC



Let us together cry out  
from our hearts: Never again war,  
never again the clash of arms,  
never again so much suffering!  
We must never stop praying,  
indeed, let us pray to God  
more intensely.  
Come, Lord, Prince of Peace,  
make us instruments and reflections  
of your peace!

*Franciscus*  
#PrayTogether #Ukraine

Pope Francis said war was a crime against humanity as he reiterated a call for peace in Ukraine and the Middle East. In the prayer, he urged people not to forget those suffering due to the cruelty of war in several parts of the world. He has repeatedly called for peace in Ukraine and in the war in Gaza. This is 100th day since Hamas gunmen broke out of Gaza to launch the deadliest attack in Israel's history, triggering an Israeli campaign to eliminate Hamas.

Pope Francis, has also raised his voice repeatedly against the suffering of Rohingya refugees. The Rohingya, who have been denied citizenship in Myanmar since 1982, making them stateless, have been described as one of the most persecuted minorities in the world, and over the course of many decades have fled to neighbouring countries either by land or boat. The military coup in Myanmar on 2 February 2021 further heightened their vulnerability. Focusing on Myanmar recently at Angelus on January 28, Pope Francis appealed for the facilitation of humanitarian aid, urging everyone to pursue paths of dialogue.

"Let us pray that those who have power over these conflicts reflect on the fact that war is not the way to resolve them, as it sows death among civilians and destroys cities and infrastructure," the pope said. He joined his voice with that of Burmese Bishops to pray that "the weapons of destruction may be transformed into instruments to grow in humanity and justice. Pope acknowledged that peace is a journey, he invited all parties involved to take steps of dialogue and to clothe themselves with understanding so that the land of Myanmar may reach the goal of fraternal reconciliation. Let humanitarian aid be allowed to pass through to ensure the necessities of every person. Fighting in Myanmar against the military government that seized power three years ago has grown to the point that most say the country is now in a civil war.

In fact out of the fear for life, thousands of Rohingyaass have illegally crossed the border into India which is also creating severe communal problems in the peaceful north eastern Indian states of India.



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