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Prayer of Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi



It is my plan that a Statue of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron and namesake of the City of San Francisco be erected in the Bay Area.

It is my desire to organize a foundation for the purpose of raising funds for this Statue by those whom wish to make contributions and it is my hope that the initial financing would be by the City and County of San Francisco, by the State of California, and the Federal Government, and that one or the combination of all these agencies will maintain and manage it when completed and it becomes self-supporting.

It is my plan that this Statue be at least 1,000 feet in height having at least four elevators taking visitors as high as the outstretched arms, from where one could view the whole Bay Area, for this a nominal fee would be charged.

A cultural center for this purpose of furthering "Peace". A Museum of Historical and Religious Art. A large Auditorium and three chapels will be contained in the base of this Statue.

As a civic project it would be non-sectarian in nature, favoring no particular religious denomination or organization, but be a meeting place for all religions of the World, who believe in One Supreme Being, and Divine Creator of the Universe.

The City of San Francisco being as it is the birthplace of Christianity in the Bay Area, and also the birthplace of the United Nations, it may also prove to be the "Foundation" of "True World Peace" through the united effort of All Nations and Religions of the World.

This Statue will not in itself bring "World Peace" but be an instrument that would bring about this "Religious Unity" and greater desire for a lasting peace to this troublesome World. And, as Saint Francis has always been an inspiration to this great City, so will his Statue be an awe inspiring and memorable sight either day or by night to the Traveler, The Visitor, and the New Comer to the Pacific side of these United States of America and continue to "Welcome the World" to the Great Golden West.

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