

Reflections From World Religions

If you are organising a Faiths Act activity or discussion with people of different faiths, you might find it helpful to reflect on a teaching or example from various faith traditions. You can use any teaching or example from your tradition or community, but here we have suggested a few questions and reflections to get you started.

- “Here are some teachings from various religions that speak to serving others. What teachings or examples from your faith tradition inspire you to care about fighting malaria and global poverty?”
- “What could we do together to address these issues?”



A Buddhist reflection:

"He who has understanding and great wisdom does not think of harming himself or another, nor of harming both alike. He rather thinks of his own welfare, of that of others, of that of both, and of the welfare of the whole world. In that way one shows understanding and great wisdom." *Anguttara Nikaya (Gradual Sayings)*

A Christian reflection:

"Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" *James 2:15-17*

A Hindu reflection:

"That gift which is made to the needy at the right place and at the right time, without aspiring for any return but as one's duty of care for every Being is the most auspicious gift of all." *Baghavad Gita 17.2*

A Jewish reflection:

"I command you to be open-handed towards your brothers and towards the poor and needy in the land." *Deuteronomy, Chapter 15*

A Muslim reflection

"Whoever saves a life of one human being it would be as if he saved the life of all mankind". *Qur'an. Chapter 5. Verse 32.*

A Sikh reflection

It is through service to our fellow beings
That we gain an understanding of the Lord
Guru Granth Sahib P26