



## OFFICE OF GURUDEV SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

ART OF LIVING INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, 21 KM KANAKAPURA ROAD,  
UDAYPURA, BANGALORE - 82, INDIA P | +91.80.67262616 F | +91.80.28432833  
SECRETARIAT@ARTOFLIVING.ORG | WWW.SRISRI.ORG | WWW.ARTOFLIVING.ORG

September 30, 2020



### MESSAGE

At a time when there is aggression and polarisation between nations, Mahatma Gandhi's values of non-violence and compassion become even more significant. He made a great impact on the collective mindset of not just the people of India but the whole world by advocating a spiritual outlook, one with a sense of sacrifice for the greater good at its center. At the same time, he urged people into action by taking up social responsibility and even expressing dissent and resistance non-violently when required. The call for spiritual values at one's heart along with pertinent social action united millions of people at a time when there was no social media.

Gandhi ji's message is so timeless and universal that it continues to influence far off corners of the world. When I spoke to the FARC rebel group in Colombia a few years ago, they announced a unilateral ceasefire and adopted Gandhian principles ending the violent conflict that had been going on for over five decades in the country. We need to educate our youth about Gandhian values and lay the foundation in them for a peaceful yet strong character. It is nice to know that the State of Hawaii has recognised this need and celebrates Mahatma Gandhi Day each year. I congratulate the organisers of this webinar.

*Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar*