



LEYMAH GBOWEE

Leymah Roberta Gbowee is a Liberian peace activist and Nobel Peace Prize Winner. She led a women's nonviolent peace movement which helped to bring the Second Liberian Civil War to an end, using religion and spirituality as part of her techniques. She is also the founder and president of the Gbowee Peace Foundation Africa.



Selected Quotations

- "We are tired of war. We are tired of running. We are tired of begging for bulgur wheat. We are tired of our children being raped. We are now taking this stand, to secure the future of our children. Because we believe, as custodians of society, tomorrow our children will ask us, "Mama, what was your role during the crisis?"
- "The Liberian women peace movement demonstrated to the world that grassroots movements are essential to sustaining peace; that women in leadership positions are effective brokers for peace; and the importance of culturally relevant social justice movements."
- "It could be Jesus, it could be Mohammed, it could be Buddha, but there is no way that you can effect change in people's lives if there is not someone that you can rely on as the "divine intervenor" or the "divine one" that you can call on every day.... God is faithful, whoever you know him to me.... Take a step of faith and God will see to the rest."



Online Materials:

- [Interview with Leymah Gbowee, Nobel Peace Prize laureate 2011](#)
- [Leymah Gbowee: The Dream | Peace Films by Errol Morris | The New York Times](#)
- [Leymah Gbowee on her faith, resilience, and channeling anger for good](#)

Further reading

- [Mighty Be Our Powers: How Sisterhood, Prayer, and Sex Changed a Nation at War by Leymah Gbowee, 2013](#)
- [Gbowee Peace Foundation Website](#)