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- Removal Proceedings ■
- Withholding / Voluntary Departure ■
- Asylum Defense ■ Waivers ■ Cancellation of Removal ■
- Adjustment of Status Application ■ NACARA ■
- TPS ■ Board of Immigration Appeals ■
- Federal Circuit Courts of Appeals ■
- United States Supreme Court ■
- Non-Immigrant Visas Working Visa □H, L, Es, Os, and Ps) ■
- Government Visa-As, Gs, and International /Organization ■
- Information Media - L ■ Crewmen - D ■
- Exchange Visitor - J ■
- Fiances's - K and K-2 Dependents K-3 ■
- F-1 SEVIS Student Visa ■ B1 - B2 Visas ■
- Permanent Resident Status □Green Card) ■
- Family and Employment Based Immigrant Applications ■
- PERM, New Labor Certification Process ■
- Citizenship & Naturalization Application ■
- Dual Citizenship Law ■

II. INTERNATIONAL TRADE & CONTRACTS

III. HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

IV. CONFLICT RESOLUTIONS

V. DISCRIMINATION

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- * Admitted in the United States Supreme Court
- * Admitted in the 3rd, 4th, 7th, 9th and 11th Federal Circuit Court of Appeals
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~ A PRAYER MESSAGE OF PEACE ~
By: Arnedo S. Valera, Esquire

"We call for peace and solidarity in these trying times. We are not to lose faith in our capacity to build a kind and compassionate world, in serving humanity the best way we can. Somewhere, in the farthest place, the less fortunate suffer and dies from hunger if not caught in the senseless internecine war of the wicked and the powerful.

These are trying times but nothing is gained by meeting violence with violence. We do not want to send our young men and women to wage war on just anyone who cries out for freedom and justice, for a share of the bounty and in the process create untold physical and emotional sufferings to thousands of children and their families.

It is justice too, if we cried out for losses that we suffered and justice is not achieved in a fit. It comes when we are wise and humane. Even if we have the power to do so, we do not deprive anyone of his or her right to fight for and dream a good life.

The world is a web of interdependent humanity that our assurance of full security and happiness is not decided by us alone but in the end, rests with relationship that we build and which are founded precisely on justice, freedom and human trust.

*These are trying times. We pray that we pass on with all that we can give with our heart and might to all the humanity who needs us."
May GOD of History bless us all.*