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The World Prays for Peace

Mary, Queen of Peace



BBC's World Affairs Editor, John Simpson, said in an interview on 29 December 'I've reported on 40 wars but I've never seen a year like 2025'. The passing year has, in fact, been a very troubled period of time during which the seed for more trouble ahead has been sown. During those past 12 months, Planet Earth has witnessed so much bloodshed that one has the feeling some leaders enjoy consuming blood for breakfast.

During the passing year, elements in the Animal Kingdom (comprising the creature categorised as Man), have been causing a lot distress to other similar creatures, thus destabilising the society we live in. So, let us pray that 2026 may become of a Year of Peace.

Mauritius is one of the rare countries, if not the only country, in the world, which has a monument dedicated to Peace (Other countries have Monuments of War). The monument of Marie Reine de la Paix (Mary, Queen of Peace) is located at the foot of the Signal Mountain in Port Louis. With a statue of



The statue of Mary holding planet earth in her hands

Blessed Mary, in white, overlooking the capital. It was erected on the Boulevard Edward VII in 1940 during World War II as a prayer for peace. Every contingent of young Mauritian recruits for the British Army during war attended open-air mass on the boulevard on their way to embarkation at the port.

It is therefore most appropriate for people to turn to the Blessed Mary to solicit her intervention for the Year 2026 to be a Year of Peace, in spite of the war mongers found in various countries. The irony is that those mongers also pray their gods to help them win the wars of destruction on which they embark, here and there.

It may be observed that the monument of the Queen of Peace at the foot of the Signal Mountain is surrounded by those colourful flowers of the flame tree (flamboyant), known in Mauritius among the people as "Fleurs Banané", New Year Flower. This endemic flower begins to appear annually, island-wide, in December to usher in the New Year. It is with bundles of those flowers that the Mauritian Overseas Gazette (MOG) wishes everyone a Very Happy and Peaceful 2026.

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Bonne Année 2026



Happy New Year 2026

Flamboyant

Flametree



Year of The Horse 2026

From
Mylene



Giddy-up and Enjoy the Ride!

According to the Chinese lunar calendar, the New Year which starts on 17th February will fall under the sign of the Horse.

A detailed horoscope is featured for every single month of the year. Pending any study of the horoscope, we are pleased to feature this witty piece from Mylene about the horse

Horses are happy animals because they live in a stable environment. (Joke!)

The year of the horse is no joke though - neigh neigh!

Hold onto your hay bales, the year of the Yang Fire Horse is here. This isn't a year for standing still. It's all about big energy, bold moves, dramatic entrances, and galloping forward into new adventures.

Feeling ready for a fresh start? Perfect. Gallop onward, kick up dust, and take action.

The year of the horse charges in with courage, passion, adventure, and just a touch of chaos. It's a fast-paced time full of changes and exciting opportunities waiting to be seized.

The trick? Plan carefully, even while galloping at full speed.

Some fun facts about the horse:



They can sleep standing thanks to a special system in their legs that keeps them from falling over



They communicate with their ears. When their pointy ears are forward, they are curious. Ears back means annoyance, ears relaxed, they're happy.



They have super wide vision, because their eyes are on the sides of their heads



Every horse has its own unique whinny, just as every person has their own unique voice



Their heart is about the size of a small watermelon - that's big!



Horses are social animals and naturally live together in groups called herds



Fastest recorded speed of a horse is 88km/h (55 mph)



The Chinese character for horse: 馬

All these traits make horses perfect symbols

for action, connection and bold adventure.

Lucky Vibes

If you want to tap into the Horse's lively energy, the Chinese zodiac recommends red, pink and purple, colours thought to bring luck, happiness and energy.

For an extra boost, the numbers 3,7 and 9 are considered especially auspicious for 2026. Incorporating these colours and numbers into your clothing, home decor, or personal items can help you feel more in sync with the spirit of the year.

So, saddle up, feel the wind in your mane, and charge forward into 2026 with confidence, courage and a sense of adventure - not forgetting to slow down for a nibble on the occasional carrot.

Happy Year of the Horse - time to quit horsing around and truly hit your stride!

Hooves up! Cheers to 2026!

AIR MAURITIUS

Press Communiqué

11 December 2025

Air Mauritius announces a profit of Rs 1.1 billion for the first semester of the financial year 2025/ 26 (April to September 2025)

The Board of Directors of Air Mauritius Limited met today, 11 December 2025, and approved the unaudited accounts for the above-mentioned period. The financial results show a profit of EUR 22.03 million (MUR 1.1 billion) for that semester.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank all its employees, its previous Chairman and his team in the Managing Committee, as well as its partners for their contribution and commitment to this encouraging financial performance.

Air Mauritius remains committed to strengthening its position and providing quality service to its passengers while maintaining a solid financial outlook.