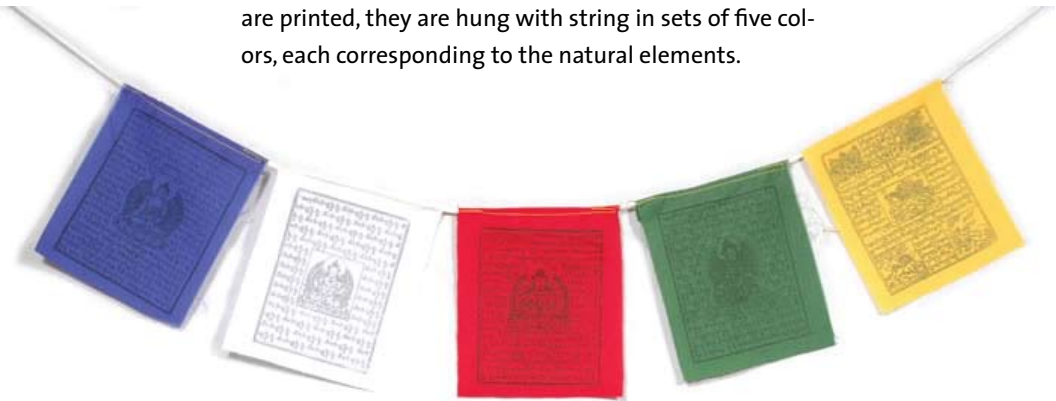


# WHAT DOES PEACE MEAN TO YOU?

Prayer flags are rooted in religious and astrological traditions. They invoke ideals of compassion, wisdom, peace, and good fortune. In Tibet they are flown outdoors in high places around monasteries, holy sites, shrines, and homes. They are also found on mountain passes where the wind may easily transport their prayers to the proper place in the sky. Practitioners also hang prayer flags at auspicious locations to gain merit for themselves, their families, to honor a holy person or patron deity, and for the benefit of all sentient beings.

Traditionally, prayer flags are printed on square or rectangular swatches of cloth in a variety of sizes. After they are printed, they are hung with string in sets of five colors, each corresponding to the natural elements.



*Blue* SKY, WATER

*White* CLOUDS, STARS, SNOW, OR IRON

*Red* FIRE

*Green* TREES, PLANTS, AND SOMETIMES WATER

*Yellow* EARTH

HELP US RECREATE THIS VERY SPECIAL TRADITION. SHARE YOUR DEFINITION OF PEACE WITH ALL OF US AT RMA BY CREATING YOUR OWN PEACE FLAG TO HANG IN OUR HALLS.