

Prayer from Center for Hope

May God bless you
with discomfort
at easy answers
half truths
and superficial relationships
so that you may live well
deep within your heart!

May God bless you
with anger at
injustice, oppression and
exploitation of people
so that you will work
for justice, equity, and peace!

And may God bless you
with the foolishness to think
that you can make a difference
in the world
so that you will do the things
which others tell you
cannot be done!
Amen.

Prayer to End Violence

God of life, source of hope,
The violence within our world, our com-
munities, our families,
indeed our very selves, is destroying
Your creation.

Make still the restless spirit
within me that is self-seeking.
Stir within my heart a renewed spirit
of reverence, respect,
and reconciliation.

In union with the
Precious Blood of Jesus
give me strength to break
the cycle of violence
by realizing that peace begins
with me. AMEN

Prayer by Fr. Angelo Anthony, CPPS

Let us be united daily by this Prayer to End Violence.

**We will therefore be connected
from community to community;
state to state, Church to Church
.....until there will be at least
1000 tongues calling ALL to
peace and to**

**“act with justice,
love tenderly
and walk humbly with God!”**
(Micah 6:8)

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Join Us In Creating Peace Communities

Start Date: September 15, 2011
End Date: Christmas Eve, 2011
Celebration of the Birth of the “Prince of Peace”



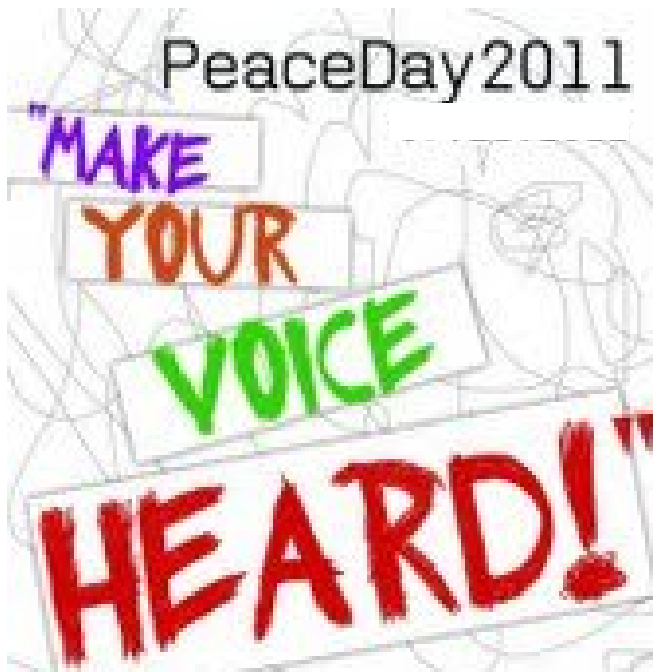
The peace dove flying with an olive branch in its beak is one of the most commonly featured symbols for peace. In Judaism, Christianity, and Islam a white dove is generally a sign for peace. The dove can also represent “hope for peace”.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

We gather because our cities, families,
and neighborhoods are suffering
from fear and violence.

Blood cries out from our streets
and communities around the world.
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

International Day of Peace
was established to secure a world
ready for, and worthy of,
the peace that is essential for ALL
and the right of ALL!



Possible Activities

*Events may vary from
private gatherings to public
concerts and forums
involving large groups*

- ◇ **Interfaith peace ceremonies**
- ◇ **A peace choir, sing-a-longs,
concerts**
- ◇ **Lighting peace candles**
- ◇ **100 day Peace prayers**
- ◇ **Speakers**
- ◇ **Presenting People of Peace
(past and present)**
- ◇ **A peace convoy of vehicles**
- ◇ **Tree planting for peace**
- ◇ **Art exhibitions promoting peace**
- ◇ **Dramas**
- ◇ **Movies**
- ◇ **Community or Church peace
luncheons/dinners**
- ◇ **Peace banquets**
- ◇ **Peace walks**
- ◇ **Advent Prayer Services or
Activities**

*Please let us know of any events
or activities you plan.*

*Let us share how you will
**MAKE YOUR
VOICE HEARD!***

Background

The UN's International Day of Peace is a global observance. It is a day when nations around the world are invited to stop and be attentive to the violence in our world and the causes of these hostilities.

The UN assembly declared that the day should be observed as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence. The day should be devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

By creating the International Day of Peace, the UN devoted itself to worldwide peace and encouraged people to work in cooperation for this goal. Since its inception, Peace Day has marked personal and planetary progress toward peace. It has grown to include millions of people worldwide and many events are organized each year to commemorate and celebrate this day.



Some communities started preparing 100 days prior to the Day of Peace. Let us join in a 100 day "vigil" (that is ... keeping watch and praying, intentionally). Let our vigil start 6 days prior to the International Day of Peace and continuing 94 days following the International Day. During this time let us not only pray, and perhaps fast, but initiate activities that will offer opportunities to **LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD** and be about building communities of peace out of the violence and fear of our streets, neighborhoods and nations.

Let us put **NEIGHBOR** back in the **HOOD**....so that we again have neighborhoods that are places of safety, places where we take care of one another, our youth, our aging citizens, our families, where we are connected in a circle of **LOVE**....