



September 21

We join together in prayer as we
commemorate
The U. N. International Day of Peace

International Day of Peace

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The theme for the International Day of Peace in 2018 is **"The Right to Peace - The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 70"**. The theme celebrates the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by representatives with different legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in Paris on 10 December 1948 as a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. The Universal Declaration - the most translated document in the world, available in more than 500 languages - is as relevant today as it was on the day that it was adopted.

Prayer for Peace

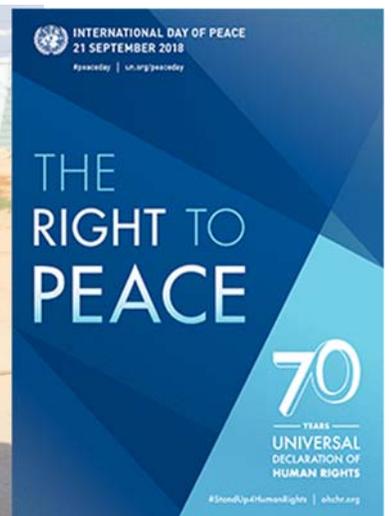
Gentle Spirit,
Breathe in us the wind
of truth, wisdom and righteousness.
May your Presence inspire us
to create labyrinths of peace.

Compassionate One,
Make our hearts burn with love,
honoring all peoples and creation.
Bless all nations, every family and community
while we seek to work for justice and unity.

Prince of Peace,
Lead us to ways of healing and reconciliation
we pray with those who suffer and struggle.
Bless us with your reconciling love
that knows no boundaries
as we seek to live in community
justice and peace.
So be it.

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"It is time all nations and all people live up to the words of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which recognizes the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human race. This year marks the 70th anniversary of that landmark document." -- Secretary-General António Guterres



Children in Zataari Refugee Camp in Jordan. Photo credit UN/Sahem Rababah