

What: The International Day of Peace provides an opportunity for individuals, organizations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. Annual celebrations of Peace Day highlight the Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence for the Children of the World, 2001 to 2010.

Established by a United Nations resolution in 1981, the International Day of Peace was first celebrated September 1982.

When: Annually, 21 September –
The International Day of Peace

Where: Wherever you are.

Who: **You** and all who care about building a Culture of Peace for the children of this and future generations.

“Individuals and nations, acting in concert, DO make a difference in the quality of our lives, our institutions, our environment and our planetary future. Through cooperation, we manifest the essential spirit that unites us amid our diverse ways.”

www.CultureOfPeace.org



May Peace Prevail on Earth

The International Day of Peace Around the World



Celebrate The International Day of Peace

21 September



The **International Day of Peace** was established in 1981 by a United Nations resolution, and on 7 September 2001, UN General Assembly Resolution 55/282 fixed the date on 21 September each year. The observance is to be a day of strengthening the ideals of peace and alleviating tensions and causes of conflict.

All Member States, organizations of the United Nations system, regional and non-governmental organizations and individuals are invited to commemorate the Day in an appropriate manner, including education and public awareness, and to cooperate with the United Nations in establishing a global ceasefire. More than 1700 organizations in over 175 nations are planning Peace Day activities.

www.un.org/events/peaceday
www.InternationalDayOfPeace.org

How to Celebrate the International Day of Peace

- 🕒 Join people throughout the world in one **Minute of Silence** this Day, and at 12 NOON every day, in our common commitment to peace. Have a Minute of Silence in your school, home or office.
- 🕒 Ring a bell, light a candle for Peace.



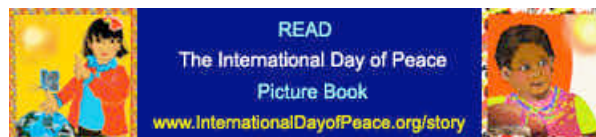
- 🕒 Plan a local event at a school, place of worship, library, park, or municipal building. Build partnerships within your community. Involve children. Have a Peace Day Party or Peace Day Parade or make Pinwheels for Peace!
- 🕒 Ask your place of worship to ring its bells for peace at 12 noon.
- 🕒 Join with others in prayer and meditation to create a global International Day of Peace Vigil.
- 🕒 Use universal invocations/prayers such as "May Peace Prevail on Earth" and the Great Invocation.
- 🕒 Promote the Day as one dedicated to nonviolence and global ceasefire.

*There is no way to peace.
Peace is the way.
- Mahatma Gandhi*

- 🕒 Plant or re-dedicate a Peace Pole or have a World Peace Flag Ceremony.
- 🕒 Become involved in the UN International Decade for a Culture of Peace.
- 🕒 Promote media attention for the Day and for UN General Assembly Resolution A/55/282.
- 🕒 Write letters to your local newspaper, or to celebrities and notables and your favorite organizations, asking them to support the International Day of Peace.



- 🕒 Join alliances of youth organizations uniting for a culture of peace.
- 🕒 Sponsor a neighborhood clean-up or other Service for Peace project.
- 🕒 Musicians - dedicate your September 21 concert for peace and spread the word during all of your performances during the Countdown to Peace Day.



- 🕒 Ask your government officials to proclaim 21 September as the International Day of Peace and to support the Global Ceasefire.
- 🕒 Hear the voices of children and encourage peace education programs during September-Culture of Peace Month.



- 🕒 Send your Peace Day activities to info@pathwaystopeace.org, to be included in the annual **Culture of Peace Initiative** report to the United Nations!

*"We need to promote greater tolerance and understanding among the peoples of the world. Nothing can be more dangerous to our efforts to build peace and development than a world divided along religious, ethnic or cultural lines. In each nation, and among all nations, we must work to promote unity based on our shared humanity."
- UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan*