

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



We Must Disarm!

"The International Day of Peace, observed each year on 21 September, is a global call for ceasefire

and non-violence. It is a time to reflect on the horror and cost of war and the benefits of peacefully resolving our disputes. This year, I will use this important day to ask governments and citizens of the world to focus on the important issues of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation.

"[...]as we observe the International Day of Peace with world leaders gathered in New York for the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly, I will proclaim one strong, simple message: We Must Disarm!"

– UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon
100-Day Countdown to the
International Day of Peace 2009



www.un.org/events/peaceday/2008
www.internationaldayofpeace.org

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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.



What Will You Do For Peace On September 21st?

- 🕒 *Pray for Peace*
- 🕒 *Plant or Rededicate a Peace Pole*
- 🕒 *Organize a Unity Walk*
- 🕒 *Celebrate with Music*
- 🕒 *Peace Activities with Children*
- 🕒 *Community Service*
- 🕒 *All of the Above!*

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Celebrate The International Day of Peace

Minute of Silence

- Join people throughout the world in one **Minute of Silence** at 12 noon. Have a Minute of Silence in your school, home, office or place of worship.
- Ring a bell, light a candle for peace.
- Ask your place of worship to ring its bells for peace at 12 noon.



Peace Pole

- Plant or re-dedicate a Peace Pole or have a World Peace Flag Ceremony.
- Gather at your local Peace Pole for the **Minute of Silence** at 12 noon.

Proclamations

- Ask your national and local government officials to proclaim 21 September as the International Day of Peace and support the global ceasefire.
- Ask for an International Day of Peace proclamation from your church, mosque, synagogue, temple or other faith-based group.

Prayer for Peace

- Join with others in prayer and meditation to create an International Day of Peace Vigil. Post your vigil at www.idpvigil.com.



Youth

- Involve children. Have a Peace Day Party or Peace Day Parade or make Pinwheels for Peace!
- Join youth organizations uniting for a culture of peace.
- Sponsor a neighborhood clean-up or other service for peace project.



Share Your Story

- Get media attention for your peace project.
- Write letters to your local newspaper, celebrities and organizations asking them to support the International Day of Peace.
- Post your Peace Day activities at www.internationaldayofpeace.org for the annual **Culture of Peace Initiative** report to the United Nations!



Celebrate

- Plan a local event at a school, place of worship, library, park, or town hall. Build partnerships within your community.
- Musicians, dedicate your September 21 concert to peace.

Unity Walk

- Plan a Unity Walk with different cultural and religious groups in your community between 9-11 and 9-21.

