



Social Justice

Encouraging fairness and freedom for all people because each and every person is important

Unitarian Universalists believe in equality and human rights. We promote peace, dignity and fairness for all people in our church and community. We take action to help others through service, support, and solidarity. We believe we can make a difference in the lives of others and so can you.

שלום

Shalom

Hebrew

Shanti

Hindi

Malu

Hawaiian

Ukuthula

Zulu

Fred

Danish/Norwegian/Swedish

PAZ

SPANISH

سلام

Salaam

Arabic

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Chinese

PEACE

What does peace mean to you? Many people say peace means ‘no war’ And there is good reason to think that ...because many are hurt during war:

Animals are hurt by war: they are killed by bombs and mines; they lose their habitat (where they live); more are killed for food because there isn't enough to eat; they can't get veterinary care; zoo animals may be killed so that they don't escape.



The environment is damaged by war: The land is destroyed; ecosystems are upset; forests are destroyed; parks are ruined; areas become polluted; natural water systems are destroyed.



Food and water are damaged by war: Farmers leave their crops and flocks which often die; there is less food harvested; it is unsafe to get crops to market; safe drinking water is interrupted or polluted; more people go hungry because they can't work and afford to buy food.



Women are hurt by war: Women are often sexually assaulted; women cannot care for their children; due to the stress of war there is often more domestic violence in homes; women lose their homes often.



Children are hurt by war: Children can be seriously hurt, or even killed during war time; children have to give up going to school; children are sometimes kidnapped during war- and some are even forced to become child soldiers; children may be separated from their families; children often do not get enough to eat; children can be more frightened than adults.



Peace is considered an issue of social justice. So if we want justice for all we need peace for all.



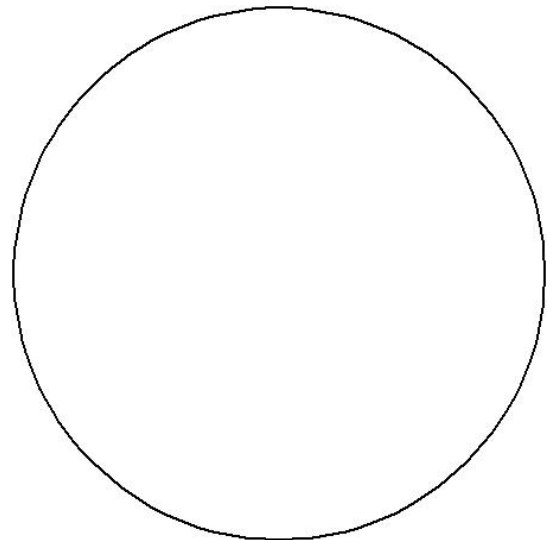
Many people believe that we must have peace, and there are many peace celebrations all over the world. One is “International Day of Peace”. It is celebrated every year on September 21.

The UNESCO Press Report said, “ We need to build not only geographical but spiritual bridges between people...to create a culture of peace” UNESCO doesn’t mean a real peace bridge , but if there was one, what do you think it would look like?

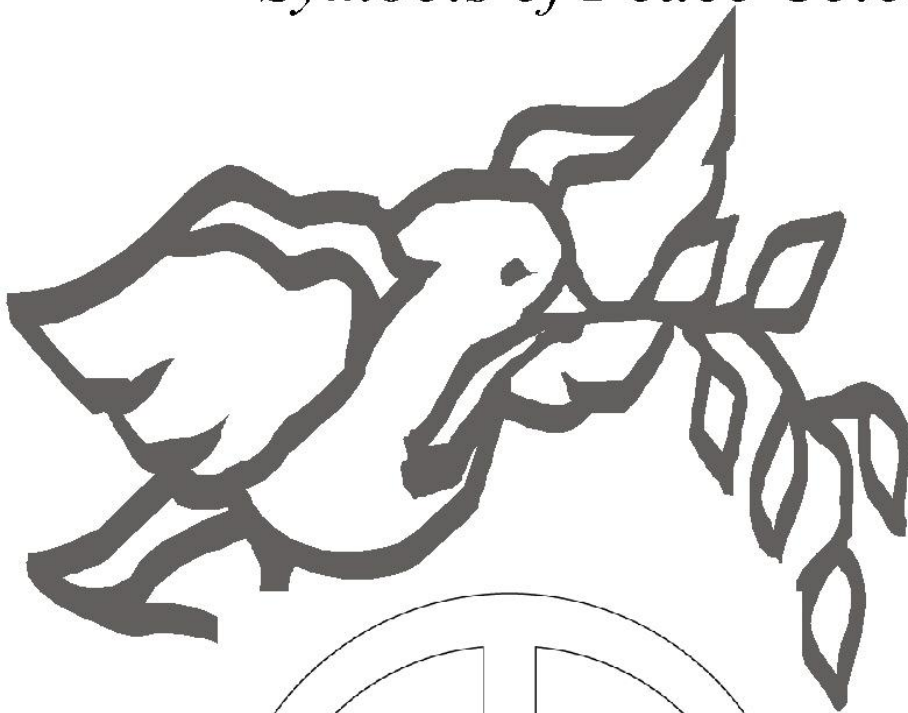


There are many different things people are doing for the “International Day of Peace”
What can you do to show you support peace? Here are some ideas:

- ✂ **Contact US leaders to encourage a Cease Fire Day – do it before September 21**
- ✂ **Draw a picture of what a peace bridge would look like to you**
- ✂ **Color and cut out the Peace badge to wear on Peace day September 21**
- ✂ **Say or write the prayer of the World Peace Prayer Society: “MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH” – According to their website they believe that the power of thoughts and words carry vibrations strong enough to inspire, heal, and transform the human heart as well as the plant and animal kingdoms.**
- ✂ **Plant a rock for peace**
- ✂ **Observe a minute of silence at noon on September 21 wherever you are**
- ✂ **Attend or hold a Peace Vigil and light a candle with your family, friends and neighbors**
- ✂ **Learn to say and write the word “peace” in another language**
- ✂ **Make peace with someone you have a conflict with**
- ✂ **Practice the Golden Rule (Treat others like you want to be treated)**
- ✂ **Display a Peace Poster**
- ✂ **Print and cut out the Peace badge to wear September 21 . Or create your own!**



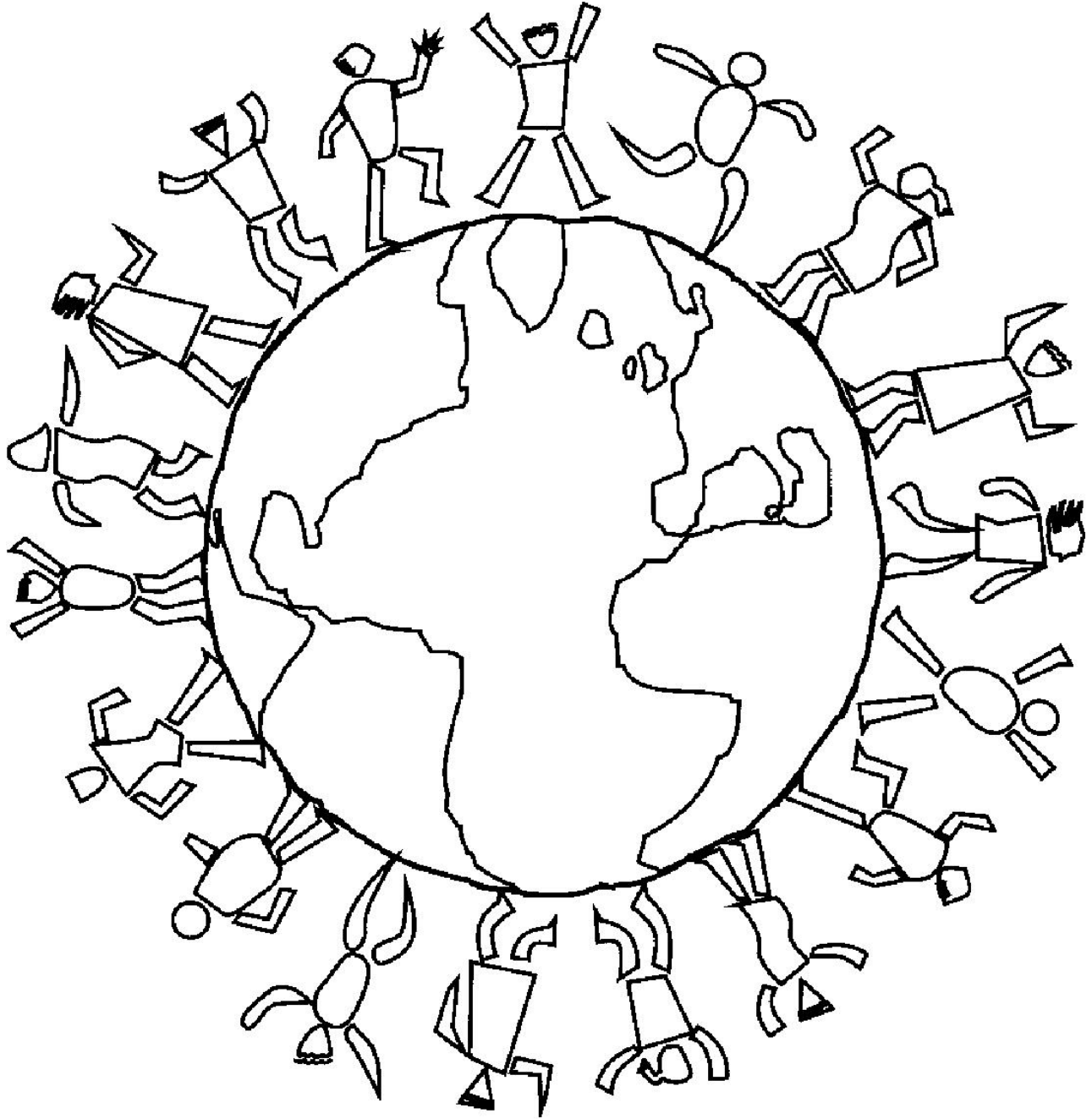
Symbols of Peace Coloring Page



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT

Use this chart to keep track of being peaceable every day for a week. Can you do it?

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THE PEACE!



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国际和平日

9月21日

International Day of Peace

21 September

Journée internationale de la paix

21 septembre

Международный день мира

21 сентября

Día Internacional de la Paz

21 de septiembre





Websites:

<http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org>

<http://www.cultureofpeace.org/>

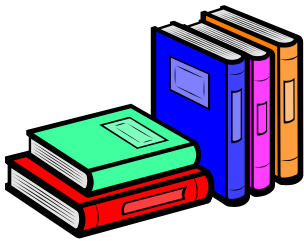
<http://www.worldpeace.org>

<http://plantingrocksforpeace.org>

For Clinton Public Library hours and activities

<http://www.clinton.lib.ia.us/library-information>

Books related to International Peace Day available at Clinton Public Library:



Can You Say Peace?, Karen Katz – E KAT

Peace at Home



Peace happens in ALL areas of our lives and it is much more personal. Think about this:

If there is to be peace in the world,
There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,
There must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,
There must be peace between neighbors.

If there is to be peace between neighbors,
There must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,
There must be peace in the heart.

-- Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)

We need to be peaceable at school: No cheating, No bullying, no being rude, no making fun of anyone who is different



We need to be peaceable towards animals: No hurting or teasing animals, Taking care of our animals especially our pets because they count on us, learning more about all animals (even bugs)



We need to be peaceable with our friends: No ignoring friends, no gossiping, no hurting friend's feelings in general



We need to be peaceable at home; No fighting, no name calling, no blaming someone else, being respectful towards your family



We need to be peaceable towards all people even those we don't know: Don't frown at people, Treat all people with respect



ACTIVITIES:

- 😊 Help out a younger brother or sister, without being asked
- 😊 Put up with pestering by a sibling, younger siblings think you are great and want to be with you
- 😊 Surprise your parent or grandparent by doing something nice for them
- 😊 Invite another student to play with you
- 😊 Brush your cat or dog
- 😊 If it's safe – stand up for someone who is being teased or bullied
- 😊 Use this chart to mark down every time you were peaceable
- 😊 Don't forget to smile!

Websites:

<http://www.teachingtolerance.org>

<http://www.motherteresa.org/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Laozi>