

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE



Every year on September 21st, people around the world join together to declare peace. Created by the United Nations in 1981, International Day of Peace is also a day of global ceasefire. To inaugurate the day, the Peace Bell is rung at UN Headquarters. This special bell is cast from coins donated by children from all parts of the world, a reminder of the human cost of war. Its inscription reads "Long live absolute world peace." Join us this year in observing the International Day of Peace.



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## IDEAS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

### Observe a Minute of Silence

Join people around the world in one minute of silence for peace at 12 noon local time on Sept 21st.

### Spread the Word

Tell your friends to visit [un.org/PeaceDay](http://un.org/PeaceDay) and add #PeaceDay to your Facebook/Twitter posts.

### Attend an Event

Visit [InternationalDayOfPeace.org](http://InternationalDayOfPeace.org) to find a Peace Day event near you.

### Organize an Event

- Get your friends, family or people in your community together for Peace Day.
- Plant a peace pole, observe a minute of silence at noon, and share stories, poems, and songs. Encourage your local schools to organize Peace Day events, such as a parade or talent show, where students get an opportunity to express their ideas about peace and how to achieve it.
- Organize a concert, dance recital or theater performance on a topic of peace at your community center or place of worship. Play for peace by organizing a sporting event.
- Plan a community service activity to support of one of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals; visit [GlobalGoals.org](http://GlobalGoals.org).
- Join the Compassion Games at [CompassionGames.org](http://CompassionGames.org).

### Promote Peace

- Invite your local place of worship to pray for peace on Peace Day.
- Ask your mayor or other local official to issue a proclamation or make a speech in support of peace.
- Write a letter to a local newspaper about the value of nonviolence.