



International Day of Prayer for Peace - 21 September 2015

Each year on 21 September the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace. 21 September is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace.

Jerusalem Prayer

In advance of World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel, each year Christian leaders in Jerusalem issue a joint prayer to be used in services of worship on Sunday and during the week.

Download <http://pief.oikoumene.org/en/world-week-for-peace/the-jerusalem-prayer> [available in Arabic / Swedish / German / French / Norwegian / Finnish / Japanese / Portuguese]

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair. *2 Corinthians 4.8*

World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel #WallWillFall

The Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum of the WCC invites member churches, faith-based communities, and civil society organizations to observe a [World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel](#), starting on 20 September 2015. The theme of the week in 2015 is: "God has broken down the dividing walls"

In keeping with the intent of the week to "Pray, Educate, Advocate", a liturgy has been prepared to assist congregations, community groups and individuals to sponsor meetings, protest, study groups, videos, exhibitions, campaigns and other innovative ways to observe the week. An e-resource prepared by EAPPI-UK is now available on the WWPPI website along with the liturgy and the Jerusalem Prayer. Please see <http://pief.oikoumene.org/en/world-week-for-peace>

Peace Lamps

Made by young people in Palestine whose hope is to place a Peace Lamp in every single church in the world and to unite as many Christians and people of faith as possible in a common prayer for peace across the Holy Land. Through SA Council of Churches, around 600 have found a church or home in SA, with more than \$2,500 returned to Palestine from surplus sales to assist the work of young people and a centre for the elderly. SA Council of Churches invites you and your community to continue to pray for peace among the peoples in the Middle East. We also invite you buy a Peace Lamp or Peace Dove from the Holy Land. For more information see www.sacc.asn.au



Prayer and Meditation Service

Sunday 20 September, 5pm Bethany Hall at Willunga Uniting Church, Cnr St Andrews Terrace & St Judas Street, an Interfaith prayer and meditation service is being held to mark United Nations Peace Day. The service will be followed by a light meal. Entry is by donation, with funds raised for Act for Peace.

RSVP by 18 September for catering purposes to impe@internode.on.net or ph85563915. Organised by Willunga Christian Meditation.

UnitingJustice International Peace Day Resource

<http://unitingjustice.org.au/uniting-for-peace/information-and-action-resources/item/1092-international-day-of-peace-2015>

International Day of Prayer Peace [United Nations]

United Nations' 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 of this year's commemoration is "Partnerships for Peace – Dignity for All" which aims to highlight the importance of all segments of society to work together to strive for peace. <http://www.un.org/en/events/peaceday/>

"Over the next 100 days, let us stand with the millions of people across the world who are suffering the devastating impact of violence and conflict. Let us share ideas and plans for helping and supporting them in their time of dire need." *UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon*

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