

A thought. A prayer. An action for each day.

Monday, September 19

*The future lies in crossing ecumenical, racial, and regional lines
to knit ourselves together. Jim Wallis, 1994*

Prayer

We pray for a growing love of justice, that God's will might implant in the hearts of all a firm conviction of the dignity of every human being. Amen.

Action: Do a good deed today for someone you love, for someone who loves you, and for someone you don't know.

Event: "Franciscan Peace Making," 7:00 p.m. at Shalom Retreat Center.

Tuesday, September 20

*They shall beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks;
One nation shall not raise the sword against another,
nor shall they train for war again. Isaiah 2:4*

Prayer

Let us pray for all who are tempted to revenge, violence or hatred: that God might still troubled hearts and bring justice and peace to our world. Amen.

Action: Create peace posters to place around the city. Check the internet for ideas. internationaldayofpeace.org, we.net/11days, Peaceoneday.org, amillionminutesforpeace.org

Event: "Iran: A Misunderstood Land," A pictorial program on Iran at the Dubuque Multicultural Family Center, 1157 Central Avenue. 6:30 Reception, 7:00 p.m. Program

Wednesday, September 21

*We shall find peace. We shall hear the angels,
we shall see the sky sparkling like diamonds. Chekov 1897*

Prayer

Lead me from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead me from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead me from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our heart, our world, our universe. **Peace, peace, peace.**

(Adapted from the *Upanishads* by Satish Kumar.)

Action: At 12 noon, STOP and PRAY one minute for PEACE.

Event: To commemorate **International Day of Peace**, at 7:00 p.m., Loras College will host a play, "Unveiled," with Robina Malik, followed by a Q&A. A short musical program will precede the play.

Peace — Eleven Days, Eleven Ways

September 11 to September 21, 2011

Eleven days leading to the International Day of Peace

Remembering 10 years since September 11, 2001, we ask for healing for those whose hearts still ache and whose eyes still tear up remembering the ones who died so suddenly... healing for those so filled with hate... healing for those who are so filled with fear... healing for a world that too often opts for fear over trust, violence over love, and hatred over justice.

Sunday, September 11

Be the Peace you wish for the world. Gandhi

Prayer

Ten years have passed, O Lord, ten years of mourning and of tears, of struggling to make sense and to go on.

Ten years since crashing planes, collapsing buildings, rivers of smoke and ash and fear brought death and fear.

Give us the courage to hope again, Father.

To pray even for our enemies, and for ourselves.

Give us the grace to be freed from hate and unbound from the paralysis of fear.

Give us the freedom of the children of God.

Awaken in our hearts a firm resolve to reject the ways of violence, to combat everything that sows hatred and division within the human family, and to work for the dawn of a new era of solidarity, justice and peace. Amen.

Action: Peace Pole — Construct a pole of a "rainbow" of ribbons, a symbol of all races, cultures and faiths. Place in your yard for these 11 days.

Event: "Memorial Dedication and Anniversary," Activities throughout the day, beginning at 9:15 a.m. at the Dubuque County Emergency Responder Training Facility, 14928 Public Safety Way, Dubuque. Contact: Phil Arensdorf at: dbqfiremedic@yousq.net

Monday, September 12

*First keep peace within yourself, then you can also bring peace to others.
Thomas a Kempis 1420*

Prayer

Our Father, it is thy universe, it is thy will, let us be at peace. Let the soul of thy people be cool, Thou art our Father. Remove all evil from our path. Amen.

Nuer tribespeople, Africa.

Action: Bracelet — Make a bracelet of paper or other material. Write words of **Peace** on it. Pray for **peace** as you make it. Wear it these 11 days.

Event: "Resurrection From the Rubble," Resurrection Dance Theater of Haiti, 7:00 p.m. at Loras College, St. Joseph Auditorium, Hoffmann Hall. Free-will Offering.

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Tuesday, September 13

Let's peace together our world. Itah Banda

Prayer

O God, Open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; Open our ears that we may hear their cries; Open our hearts that we may feel their anguish and their joy. Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may in these coming days be able to do some work of justice and peace for you. Amen.

Action: Bookmarks — Cut strips of paper 3" by 7". Write words about peace on them and give to your neighbors and friends during these 11 days.

Wednesday, September 14

If you succumb to the temptation of using violence in the struggle, unborn generations will be the recipients of a long and desolate night of bitterness, and our chief legacy to the future will be an endless reign of meaningless chaos.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Prayer

Deliver us from the violence of superiority and disdain. Grant us the desire, and the humanity, to listen with special care to those whose experiences and attitudes are different from our own. Amen.

Action: Talk at mealtime about ways your family or group can be more peaceful.

Thursday, September 15

*Let us embrace the beauty of every culture, and faith,
to create peace in our world.*

Mitra Sen

Prayer

Deliver us from the silence that gives consent to abuse, war, and evil. Grant us the desire, and the courage to risk speaking and acting for the common good. Amen.

Action: Greet a stranger at your church or neighborhood. Be especially aware of persons from another culture.

Event: "Evening of Prayer for Peace," 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Sisters of the Presentation Motherhouse, 2360 Carter Road, Presentation Chapel.

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Friday, September 16

If you want peace, work for justice. Pope Paul VI

Prayer

O Source of Peace, lead us to peace, a peace profound and true, lead us to a healing, to mastery of all that drives us to war within ourselves and with others. May our deeds inscribe us in the Book of life and blessing, righteousness and peace! O Source of Peace, bless us with peace. Gates of Repentance: Stern, ed.

Action: Contact Pax Christi International to find out ways to work locally for peace. paxchristiusa.org

Event: "Recent Tragic Events," Fly by Night Productions: Bijou Room at Five Flags Center, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door, \$15.

Saturday, September 17

A smile is the beginning of peace. Mother Teresa

Prayer

Be generous in prosperity, and thankful in adversity. Be fair in thy judgment, and guarded in thy speech. Be a lamp unto those who walk in darkness, and a home to the stranger. Be eyes to the blind, and a guiding light unto the feet of the erring. Be a breath of life to the body of humankind, a dew to the soil of the human heart, and a fruit upon the tree of humility. Baha'i Prayer for Peace

Action: Make origami peace doves, write notes about peace on them and display.

Events: Christian/Muslim Potluck and Program with the Tri-State Islamic Community, 6:00 p.m. in St. Raphael Cathedral Center. RSVP (563)-582-7646.

"Recent Tragic Events," Fly by Night Productions: Bijou Room at Five Flags Center, 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door, \$15.

Sunday, September 18

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36

Prayer

As believers we understand peace as a gift of God. This belief prompts us to pray constantly, personally and communally.... We seek the wisdom, through these means and others, to begin the search for peace and the courage to sustain us as instruments of Christ's peace in the world. (no. 293, U.S. Catholic Bishops' Peace Pastoral)

Action: Plant a rock for peace. Suggestions at plantingrocksforpeace.org

Events: Parade forPeace — Gather at 2:00 p.m. to walk from the parking lot at St. Raphael Cathedral to the Alliant Amphitheater for a prayer service. In case of rain, the event will be held in the cathedral.

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