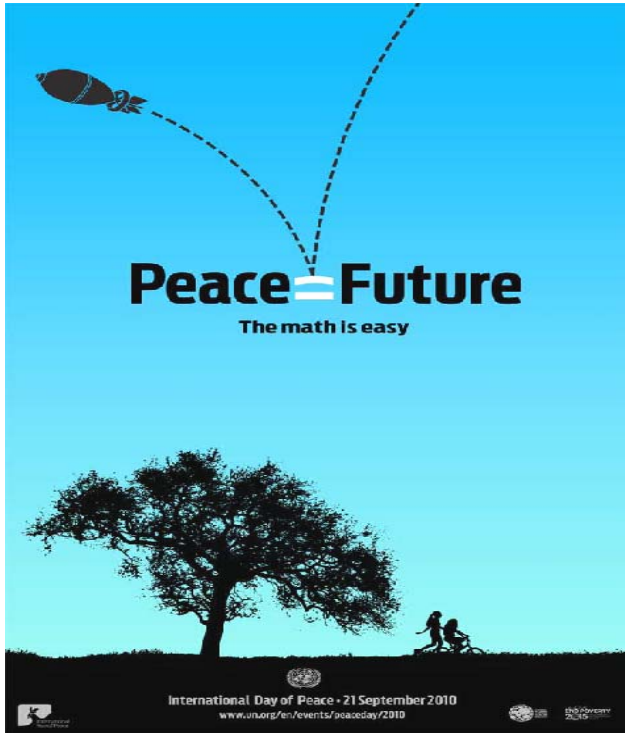


**THE UNITED NATIONS
INVITES YOU TO THE SCREENING OF “SINS OF MY FATHER”
TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE**

“My experience of conflict is that those who are involved in it long for even a day of peace. To have a day of cessation of violence, that to me is an idea whose time has come.”

Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights



The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by resolution 36/67 of the United Nations General Assembly to coincide with its opening session, which was held annually on the third Tuesday of September. The first Peace Day was observed in September 1982. In 2001, the General Assembly by unanimous vote adopted resolution 55/282, which established 21 September as an annual day of non-violence and cease-fire. The UN invites all nations and people to honour a cessation of hostilities during the Day, and to otherwise commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace.

The International Day of Peace, observed each year on 21 September, is a global call for ceasefire and non-violence. This year, Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is calling on young people around the world to take a stand for peace under the theme, Youth for Peace and Development.

This year, Peace Day is dedicated to young people. This month marks the beginning of the International Year of Youth. Its theme of dialogue and mutual understanding captures the very essence of peace.

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MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE-21 September 2010

Today we observe the annual International Day of Peace – a day dedicated to ceasefire and non-violence. Peace is precious. It must be nurtured, maintained, defended.

That is why, each year on the International Day of Peace, I ring the Peace Bell at United Nations headquarters. And it is why – every day – I work for peace. I mediate between antagonists. I sound the alarm about threats – those we can see clearly, and others that lurk just over the horizon. I promote tolerance, justice and human rights, and I campaign for harmony among countries and peoples.

This year, Peace Day is dedicated to young people. This month marks the beginning of the International Year of Youth. Its theme of dialogue and mutual understanding captures the very essence of peace.

Young people today are at home with global diversity; comfortable in an interconnected world. Yet they are also vulnerable to the forces of extremism. So I say to all governments and our partners: let us do more for young people. Let us give them a world of peace and tolerance.

And I say to all young people: join us. Help us to work for peace. You are impatient. You see what we, your elders, allow to persist, year after year: poverty and hunger; injustice and impunity; environmental degradation.

With just five years remaining to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, I ask all, young and old, to help us find global solutions to these global problems. Share your plans and ideas, act with creativity and passion. Help us fight for peace and prosperity for all.

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General

**Secretary-General's remarks at Peace Bell Ceremony**

Excellencies,

Friends,

Today we observe the annual International Day of Peace – a day dedicated to ceasefire and non-violence.

That is why, each year on this day, I ring the Peace Bell.

And it is why, every day, here and around the world, I work for peace.

I work with antagonists to help them resolve their differences peacefully.

*I sound the alarm about threats – those we can see clearly, and others just over the horizon.
I promote tolerance, justice and human rights.*

I campaign for harmony among countries and peoples.

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We have just entered the International Year of Youth.

The theme of the year -- dialogue and mutual understanding -- captures the very essence of peace.

Young people today are at home with global diversity; they are comfortable in an interconnected world.

Yet they are also vulnerable to the forces of extremism.

So I say to all governments and our partners: let us do more to give them a world of tolerance and opportunity.

And I say to all young people: join us.

I know you are impatient, frustrated by poverty, injustice and environmental degradation.

You are concerned that we, your elders, have not made greater headway against these threats.

On Monday, world leaders will gather for the Millennium Development Goals Summit.

There have been remarkable gains, but we need faster progress – much, much faster.

Young people can play a central role.

*Peace is precious. It must be nurtured, maintained, defended.
This is a job for all of us.*

On this International Day of Peace, I ask all, young and old, to share plans and ideas, and to act with creativity and passion.

*Help us fight for peace and prosperity for all. Help us to keep our promise.
Thank you very much.*

Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary-General