

Peace remains an empty word  
unless it is translated into social  
structures which rest on truth and  
justice, on freedom and love.

*Pacem in Terris #167*



Peace is the fruit of anxious daily care to see that everyone lives in the justice that God intends.

*Populorum Progressio #76*



Where a law is enacted contrary to reason, or to the eternal law, or to some ordinance of God, obedience is unlawful, lest, while obeying man, we become disobedient to God.

*Libertas Praestantissimum, 1888*



Nonviolence for Christians is not mere tactical behaviour but a person's way of being, the attitude of one who is convinced of God's love and power, who is not afraid to confront evil with the weapons of love and truth alone.

*Pope Benedict XVI, Rome, 2007*



There must be specific commitment to education for peace. Children need to “learn peace”: it is their right, and one which cannot be disregarded.


*Pope John Paul II, Peace Day Message, 1996*



Ask God to bless those who persecute you—yes, ask God to bless, not to curse. Be happy with those who are happy, weep with those who weep. Have the same concern for everyone. Do not be proud, but accept humble duties. Do not think of yourselves as wise.

If someone has done you wrong, do not repay them with a wrong. Try to do what everyone considers to be good. Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everyone.

*Romans 12: 14–18*



Happy are those who work for  
peace;  
God will call them his children!

*Matthew 5:9*



God will settle disputes among great nations.  
They will hammer their swords into ploughs  
and their spears into pruning knives.  
Nations will never again go to war,  
never prepare for battle again.

(Isaiah 2:4)

