



Peace Sunday 2017

Classroom Prayers for Peace

Each year the Bishops of England and Wales set aside the third Sunday of January as a special day of prayer for peace. Pope Francis's message for Peace Sunday this year is:

Nonviolence: A style of politics for peace

This reflective classroom prayer—to be used on the days around Peace Sunday—invites students to consider what it means to be a peacemaker and how they can work for peace in their day-to-day lives.

Script

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[Slide 2] Around this time Pope Francis asks us to pray in a special way for peace in our world. This year he invites us to think about how nonviolent ways can be used to resolve conflict in our homes, school, communities, and in the wider world.

[Slide 3] Pope Francis has been clear in his condemnation of war and the things that encourage and inspire war... [Pause]

[Slide 4] Yet he expects a great deal from us, from young people... [Pause]

[Slide 5] It is easy to feel hopeless... when faced with a world full of war, suffering, and death we can reasonable think, what can I do?

[Slide 6 - Play film]

[Slide 7] How can I be a hummingbird? ... How can I do my bit? ... How can I work for peace in our world?

[Slide 8] Think for a moment in silence... what one thing can I do for peace? [Pause]

[Slide 9] Let us pray together...

Lord God of love,
You created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace.
Enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister.
We pray through Christ our Lord
Amen

