

“The decisive and consistent practice of nonviolence has produced impressive results. The achievements of Mahatma Gandhi and Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan in the liberation of India, and of Dr Martin Luther King Jr in combating racial discrimination...

Women in particular are often leaders of nonviolence, for example, Leymah Gbowee and the thousands of Liberian women, who organised pray-ins and nonviolent protest that brought an end to the second civil war in Liberia.”

Pope Francis, World Peace Day Message 2017

An invitation to all



Nonviolent peacemaking offers creative and long-lasting responses to violence at all levels. How can we better understand its power? How can we better put it into practice? How can we follow the nonviolent Jesus? Setting out on the path is one way - following in the footsteps of those who have and do walk this path.

Telling stories



2 October marks the 150 anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, 4 October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. Why not arrange a service or time of reflection to celebrate these and other nonviolent peacemakers and movements? Others could include Berta Caceres, Wangari Muta Maathai, Franz Jägerstätter, Sister Dorothy Stang, Margaret and Barry Mizen, Pax Christi International, the Ecumenical Accompaniers in Palestine and Israel, Christian Peacemaker Teams, Operation Dove workers. A sample service and other resources that could be used in an event or gathering are here

<https://tinyurl.com/activenonviolence>



The Petts window - Jesus and the two hands of nonviolence. Available as a prayer card.

We need to talk about nonviolence



When we hear stories of nonviolence, meet people who practice nonviolence, what do we learn from them? Can we say, 'This is nonviolence because...'?

Ask people what nonviolence means to them. Does it have a special value or power? Take a look at the short videos Pax Christi made - could you make similar videos in your parish, school, community and share them with Pax Christi? Similarly, share with us and others images or photographs that could help us talk about nonviolence.

More here <https://tinyurl.com/activenonviolence>

The nonviolent Jesus



"To be true followers of Jesus today also includes embracing his teaching about nonviolence." (*Pope Francis, World Peace Day 2017*)

The Pax Christi prayer card (*illustration*) of the two hands of nonviolence helps us to see some of the ways we can all put nonviolence into practice.

More here <https://tinyurl.com/JesusTwoHands>

The Gospels give us insights into Jesus' active nonviolence. Explore what these passages mean to you. Examples here <https://tinyurl.com/CourageousJesus>

Here you can find resources from Pax Christi and the Catholic Nonviolence initiative: videos, powerpoints, worksheets and more. <https://tinyurl.com/activenonviolence>

- Catholic Nonviolence Initiative, a project of Pax Christi International <https://nonviolencejustpeace.net/>
- Nonviolent Peace Force, the work of Unarmed Civilian Intervention <https://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org/>
- Peace News, grassroots newspaper covering the full spectrum of peace and justice issues <https://peacenews.info/>
- Waging Nonviolence: news and analysis of nonviolence struggles around the globe. <https://wagingnonviolence.org/>
- Transformative nonviolence: stories of grassroots power changing society <https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/tagged/transformative-nonviolence/>

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Nonviolence resources in our on-line shop <http://paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/nonviolence/>