



# PEACE BE WITH YOU



## Peace Making

### † Peace & Reconciliation

*“Peace is not merely the absence of war; nor can it be reduced solely to the maintenance of a balance of power between enemies; nor is it brought about by dictatorship. Instead, it is rightly and appropriately called an enterprise of justice.” (Gaudium et Spes, Vatican II)*

Vatican **World Day of Peace Messages** for the years **2014-2019** can be downloaded from **The Holy See** website using the below links...

[Messages 2014-2019](#)

Previous messages can be found on the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (**ACSJC**) website (1968-2013 can be obtained by searching on Peace Messages by year)...[Peace Messages 1968-2019](#)

#### **2004: Peace Be With You**

The above named Social Justice Statement is available for order or downloaded via the **ACSJC** website...  
[catholic.org.au/publications/sjs](http://catholic.org.au/publications/sjs)

At the heart of the Bible is a divine invitation to build and become just and peaceful communities  
(*Patrick McCormick*)...

[77. Beauty and Our Biblical Calling to Peace, Justice and Sustainability](#)

More information and resources can be obtained from the United Nations (**UN**) website by clicking on the following link...

[un.org/en/events/peaceday](http://un.org/en/events/peaceday)

The **Perth Peace Conference** article can be found here... [therecord.com.au/news/peace-conference-2018](http://therecord.com.au/news/peace-conference-2018)

[Nov. 2018 - Peacemaking Conference Statement](#)

The Following is a commentary written by Dr. Gerald Schlabach, one of the participants in the **2016 Nonviolence & Just Peace Conference**, on Pope Francis's 2017 World Day of Peace message...  
[Pope Francis's peacebuilding pedagogy](#)

The World Day of Peace is celebrated on 1 January each year. On this day a papal message to Christians and all people of the world has been given each year since 1968. The theme of Pope Francis's 2017 Message is:

Nonviolence: **A Style of Politics for Peace**

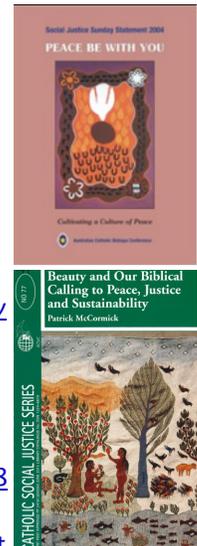
[ACSJC Discussion Guide: World Day of Peace Message 2017](#)

**Conference Nonviolence and Just Peace:** Contributing to the Catholic Understanding of and Commitment to Nonviolence Rome, April 11-13, 2016 (Pax Christi) ... [Appeal to the Catholic Church to Re-Commit to the Centrality of Gospel Nonviolence](#)

### A Prayer for Peacemakers

*“ The **peace** sown by peacemakers brings a harvest of justice.” (James 3:18)*

## Cultivating a Culture of Peace



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Whatever house you enter, let your first words be, “**Peace** to this house!” (Luke 10:5)

*“**Peace** I leave with you; my **peace** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” ...” (John 14:27)*

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and **peace** as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13)*

*“Jesus marked out the path of non-violence. He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our **peace**.” (Pope Francis)*

‘One day we must come to see that **peace** is not merely a distant goal we seek, but that it is a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.’  
(ACBC - Social Justice Sunday Statement 2004)

### Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Your **peace**.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

St Francis of Assisi

