



Daily Peacemaking

What are you doing to be a peacemaker today? Is that even a question you ask yourself every morning? Being a peacemaker does not always require big flashy actions though they are important in a troubled world. Peace also comes in the smaller everyday

things that we can do as a part of our work, our play, our study, or our other daily activities.

- Listen more than you speak, especially if you are getting to know new people, or working with a group to make plans or solve problems
- Call people by name
- Acknowledge the contributions others make to your day. Thank people who serve you, be patient with those you wait in line with, be respectful when you serve others.
- Notice the people around you. Smile at the harried mother in the store, hold the door for the people behind you, pick up a dropped item for a coworker with their hands full
- Notice the pain, frustration, hurt, loss in a stranger's eyes. Give a smile say a prayer, offer an encouraging word
- Do not spread gossip
- Consider the needs of others when you make choices
- If you see someone being bullied or ignored or mistreated speak up. Bystanders have a choice to make. They can either allow the abuse of others or help stop it.
- If you have an issue with someone, speak to them in private. Do not talk about it with everyone else.

This week pray for:

- The continuing plight of refugees and other displaced persons
- Those living with discrimination
- Those dealing with mudslides and winter storms.



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