

## International Day of Peace

*Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.*

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon extends an invitation to the global community: *“Over the next 100 days, let us stand with the millions of people across the world who are suffering the devastating impact of violence and conflict. Let us share ideas and plans for helping and supporting them in their time of dire need.”*

### Prayer for Courage

O God, forgive us.  
We have not always acted for peace.  
We have caused division and brokenness.  
God, we ask for your forgiveness and healing.

Help us live out our calling as peacemakers.  
Give us courage and strength to change.

Help us to hear your voice  
That counsels forgiveness,  
Compassion, patience, and dialogue.

Help us to thirst after ever greater justice,  
so that we might contribute  
To a peaceful world.

Help us to act on behalf of peace,  
Not only today, but all of the days of our life.  
Amen.

