

**A framework and resources to celebrate nonviolence
from 21 September (International Day of Peace) to 2 October (International Day of Nonviolence)**

We encourage solidarity actions around the globe to promote and celebrate nonviolence between 21 September (International Day of Peace) and 2 October (International Day of Nonviolence and Gandhi's birthday). Our hope is that this becomes an annual event. Here are a range of approaches that could be added for use in your own community. Please let us know what you plan and when it will take place, so that we can share with others. Email your responses to nonviolence@paxchristi.net.

Prayer resources	Acts of public witness	Nonviolence, a way of life	Creating a nonviolent parish	Celebrating nonviolent heroes
<p>Traditional forms of prayer such as rosary/Way of the Cross/novenas with a prayer or scripture focus on nonviolence</p> <p>The Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa, USA created daily podcasts on nonviolence http://www.clintonfranciscans.com/our-mission-active-nonviolence.html</p> <p>Novena for Earth Defenders, created by the Columban Center for Advocacy & Outreach http://columbancenter.org/novena-earth-defenders</p> <p>Lenten acts of witness</p> <p>Priests and nuns in the Philippines public prayer and fasting to challenge government https://tinyurl.com/LentPhilippines</p> <p>Way of the Cross for Conscientious Objectors (WWI)</p>	<p>Where might we want to take a message of nonviolence on 21 Sep /2 October... what is our 'geography' of violence, e.g. place where a violent crime has happened / a factory making arms / a detention centre for refugees/asylum seekers ...</p> <p>Example: Catholic Day of Action for Immigrant and Refugee Children https://maryknollogc.org/alerts/catholic-day-action-immigrant-and-refugee-children</p> <p>Range of liturgies from Pax Christi UK on themes such as environment and peace, nuclear weapons, Ash Wednesday liturgy https://paxchristi.org.uk/resources/prayer-and-seasonal/</p>	<p>Make your own podcasts/videos, 1-2 minutes, where people say what nonviolence means to them.</p> <p>Examples on YouTube; Carol Burns, Pax Christi UK Aisling Griffin, Pax Christi UK</p> <p>Use these to start discussions.</p>	<p>Use the "Active nonviolence: Our way of life in the Church and the World" document/questionnaire with your parish/small group</p> <p>Found at https://nonviolencejustpeace.net/davs-of-action/</p> <p>Learn more about Kuron Peace Village, South Sudan, a vision of Bishop Paride Taban http://www.kuronvillage.net/exec_summary.htm</p> <p>Interview with Bishop Taban https://faithandleadership.com/paride-taban-voice-voiceless</p>	<p>Make a display of one-pagers of those featured in our <i>Nonviolence is a crop</i>...with image of person From pg 15-76 in Nonviolence a crop that can feed the world</p> <p>Develop an activity with young people to create a <i>People's Nonviolence & Peace Award</i></p> <p>What would criteria be? Where would the search happen? School, youth-club, university class or club, parish? What kind of celebration event could be created?</p> <p>Excellent range of stories here https://www.comboniyouth.org/category/witnesses</p> <p>Trailer for "Pray the Devil Back to Hell," a film about a mass nonviolent action by the women of Liberia mass nonviolent action video</p> <p>"Pray the Devil Back to Hell" study guide</p>

<p>https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/Conscientious-Objectors-Way-of-the-Cross-1.pdf</p> <p>Way of the Cross: Prisoners Rome 2020 http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/2020/documents/ns_lit_doc_20200410_via-crucis-meditazioni_en.html</p> <p>Celebrating nonviolence - ideas for individuals/groups https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/2flyer-for-Celebrating-Nonviolence-pub.pdf</p>	<p>Creating pilgrimages/walks that commemorate people and places of nonviolence in your town/city...</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Pilgrimages or walks to places where violence is evident/has taken place - exposing what has happened?</p> <p>Example: A Good Friday walk in Chicago, acknowledging knife and gun violence in the city: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=105&v=HIBoL82pCw0&feat%20ure=emb_lqgo</p>	<p>Collect quotes/pictures on what nonviolence means - to use as a game/ranking activity to engage people to deepen understanding of nonviolence.</p> <p>Create photo-exhibit, faces of people, with a quote on what nonviolence means to them.</p> <p>Do the same with well-known figures from your community.</p> <p>Example from Palestine: https://www.oikoumene.org/en/what-we-do/12-faces-of-hope</p>	<p>Working with youth groups</p> <p><i>Tejiendo Alternativas/Weaving Alternatives</i> is a resource from Mexico. It explores the barriers that we build and how to bring them down. In Spanish https://tinyurl.com/WeavingAlternatives</p> <p>Theatre for Peace from Kuron Peace Village, South Sudan http://www.kuronvillage.net/2012/Theatre for Peace 11.08.2012.pdf</p>	<p>http://www.bu.edu/africa/files/2016/02/Frank-Swaboda_Edited.pdf</p> <p>Here you can find stories celebrating the power of nonviolence in English https://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/Nonviolence-Works.pdf</p> <p>Auf Deutsch https://www.paxchristi.de/artikel/view/5780189921411072/Neuaufgabe:%20Erfolge%20der%20Gewaltfreiheit</p>
<p>The Season of Creation 1 September - 4 October Theme for 2020 is Jubilee for the Earth. This Global project invites links with work for peace and nonviolence. Prayer and worship resources here www.seasonofcreation.org</p>	<p>Women religious in Nigeria protest violence and injustice to women https://www.globalsistersreport.org/column/justice-matters/trends/power-african-catholic-nuns-needs-be-unleashed-44411</p>	<p>Partners in Mexico have created workshops on how to create cultures of peace and nonviolence https://tinyurl.com/PazNonviolence</p>	<p>Create opportunities to talk about/reflect on knife or gun violence in your community and how you might respond to it. These stories from Kenya and the UK may help: pp. 15-24, <i>Nonviolence is a crop that can feed the world</i></p> <p>The Cure Violence model from the U.S. also offers good insights: https://cvg.org/what-we-do/</p>	<p>Create an international directory of nonviolent witnesses - litany of nonviolent saints /movements</p> <p>Pax Christi International offers a range of Peace Stories here https://paxchristipeacestories.com/</p>
<p>Create and use 'dialogue' or 'interview' homilies or mini-dramas around some of the nonviolent heroes</p> <p>Example http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Exploring</p>	<p>"The Ghost of Jeju" video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkFDCIfVPTs</p> <p>"Using previously secret and classified photos, film and documents, this is the first</p>	<p>Explore the headings in <i>Nonviolence is a crop</i> ... pg. 77-78, the transformational impact of nonviolence. This section deals with life choices/spirituality/faith</p>	<p>Engage with a parish council/liturg group/catechists around the questions below/chart "Living Gospel Nonviolence in our Parish" -- guidance on the CNI webpage https://nonviolencejustpeacedotnet.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/paris</p>	<p>Create a nonviolence laboratory where youth and adults document local violence and nonviolence, research how it connects with larger systems, test what might work to prevent future violence</p>

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<p>Explore the courageous nonviolence of Jesus in scripture. Examples http://paxchristi.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/Exploring-Gospel-nonviolence-1-Jesus.pdf</p>		<p>Explore the Vow of Nonviolence As a personal choice or with a group... https://nonviolencejustpeace.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Multi-language-vow-of-nonviolence.pdf</p>	<p>Sponsor and promote civilian unarmed accompaniment teams; encourage parish members to participate in this support Examples: https://www.nonviolentpeaceforce.org https://www.cpt.org/</p>	
<p>Include prayers for Catholic nonviolence practitioners in prayers of the people</p>			<p>Pax Christi Germany plans to make 2 October a fixed Pax Christi day. They are preparing a presentation for diocesan associations/sections that explains why 2 October has been chosen for this celebration.</p>	

Dates/hooks

21Sept UN, Day of Peace **1 Oct**, St Theresa of Child Jesus **2 Oct**, Int Day of Nonviolence, Gandhi's birthday **4 Oct**, St. Francis of Assisi
7 Oct Our Lady of Rosary **11 Nov** Martin of Tours ("I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight.")