



TO MEMBER AND OBSERVER COUNTRIES

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One minute for peace (Un minuto por la paz UMPP) is 10 years old. This simple initiative grew out of an appeal by Pope Francis during a meeting to pray for peace on 8 June 2014, together with the President of Israel (Shimon Peres), the President of the Palestinian Authority (Maḥmūd'Abbās - Abu Mazen) and the Patriarch of Constantinople (Bartholomew I) in the Vatican gardens.

Every year, we will provide a minute for peace, to involve an always greater number of people: in the family, among friends, in our association, with other lay associations, among civil society bodies, in our parishes, dioceses, neighbourhoods, cities, ...

One minute for peace is unfortunately timely: this year 2024 records a large number of active conflicts, known and unknown, with tragic consequences for populations, for too many children, women, elderly, frail people, for too many young people.

The ISSUE chosen for the 10th anniversary is "**WE WANT PEACE. An urgency, a right, a necessity**" to call each and everyone to pray for peace and to motivate a commitment that requires the participation of all in the logic of the Beatitudes, on the path of dialogue, for a culture of encounter, of embracing people and peoples.

We thank Pope Francis who never stops to remind us that war is madness, to pray for those who suffer, to urge the persons responsible in the countries and in the international organisations to dialogue, to a cease-fire, ...

Saturday **8 JUNE** at **13:00** (in every country)

Wherever you are: work, school, university, neighbourhood, family, friends, parish...

Stop, bow your head and say **a prayer for peace** according to your belief.

Invite all members, friends from other associations, denominations, religions, **all people of goodwill from all over the world.**

IT'S OUR TURN!

In this drive you will find informative material about the initiative, which is also on the website, we submit it to you so that you can promote UMPP 2024 in your country with your communication channels and your creativity:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1zyJ3abcdTRImBtth7KGNWnbanhBNdz-Rd?usp=sharing>

We invite you to follow the updates in the coming days and weeks on the IFCA website and on the UMPP and IFCA social networks https://www.catholicactionforum.org/initiatives_posts/8june2024-one-minute-for-peace/

We awaited from you the translation of the ISSUE into your language so that we can add the flyer among others in the website photogallery, videos and photos to share (catholicactionforum@gmail.com). Thank you!

A cordial greeting, in Christ



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