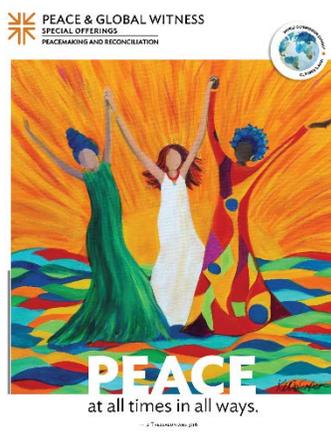


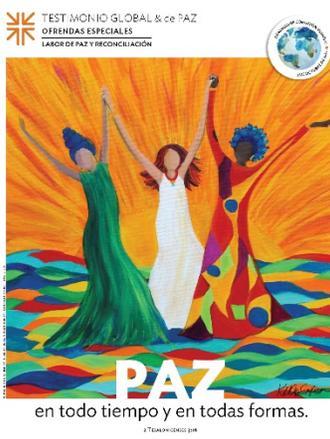
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Children's Message
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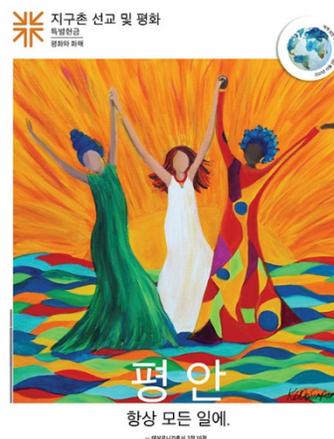
- ❖ Practice pronunciations of peace in various languages
- ❖ PGW poster



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Good morning, children of God! This morning, I want to share greetings with you from siblings in Christ from around the world.

(Links to hear pronunciations are at the bottom of this document in the notes section.) Efi in Greece says “*Irini!*” Nta in Cameroon and Helivao in Madagascar say “*Paix!*” Douglas in Mexico says “*Paz!*” Peter Michael in Nigeria says “*Zaman Lafiya!*” Julie in Rwanda says “*Horo!*” Jonathan in Malawi says “*Mtendere!*” Peter in South Sudan and your church family say “Peace!”

You were just greeted with peace in languages from around the world! The people I mentioned are International Peacemakers living around the world who are daily praying for peace and looking for ways to stop violence and actions that cause fear and anxiety. That sounds like a pretty big job, doesn't it? It is! And we can support the International Peacemakers, and others seeking peace, by giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering we will receive today.

I want to show you this beautiful poster. The image chosen for this year's Peace & Global Witness poster just pulls me in. What do you see? (pause) I see (describe what you see). The Scripture for this year's Offering is "Peace at all times, in all ways," from 2 Thessalonians 3:16. This image shows the joy, celebration and hope that comes with peace and loving our neighbors. How does this image make you feel when you look at it? (pause) Thank you for sharing! Remember that all gifts made to this Offering today will bring (use words that children described when sharing how the image makes them feel and use some of your own words) not just to us in the giving but especially for those around the world who will receive.

Our prayer together today might be a little different than you are used to. We will bless one another. If you are comfortable doing so, keep our eyes open, look around and celebrate our siblings in Christ. Appreciate the differences and uniqueness that makes the heart of God overflow with love. Think of the many children you see at the park or at school. Remember neighbors near and far who live in communities where violence is a daily occurrence. Give thanks for Offerings like the Peace & Global Witness Offering that works to make a difference. Share gratitude with those who give. Pray peace for those who receive.

Let us pray each day with the daring prayer of hope in 2 Thessalonians 3:16: "Peace at all times, in all ways!" Perhaps you speak a language that is different from our International Peacemakers. I invite everyone, together, to bless each other with words of peace in any and all languages. *Irini! Paix! Paz! Zaman Lafiya! Horo! Mtendere!* May the peace of Christ be with you! (Give time for those who may respond.) May it be so!

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Notes:

- There are about 600 languages spoken in Cameroon, but the most widely spoken are French and English.
- Mtendere [Click here for pronunciation](#) - Chichewa - a language spoken in Malawi, though English is the common spoken language.
- Irini [Click here to hear pronunciation](#) - Greece
- Paix [Click here to hear pronunciation](#) - Two languages are spoken in Madagascar - French and Malagasy
- Paz [Click here to hear pronunciation](#) - Spanish language spoken in Mexico

- Zaman Lafiya [Click here to hear pronunciation](#) (scroll down the page a bit to the blue arrow) - Hausa language spoken in Nigeria - In addition to English, Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Fula and English Creole are widely spoken
- Horo [Click here to hear pronunciation](#)- Kinyarwanda is widely spoken in Rwanda in addition to French, English and Swahili.
- South Sudan has over 60 languages spoken and English is the official language of the country.

