

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2026

Message of Pope Leo XIV

PEACE BE WITH YOU ALL TOWARDS AN UNARMED AND DISARMING PEACE

‘Peace is not a distant ideal, but a presence that visits us, transforms us and invites us on a journey of light.’

“Peace is more than just a goal; it is a presence and a journey.”

The peace of the risen Christ **1**



“Sadly, it is also possible to forget the light. When this happens, we lose our sense of realism and surrender to a partial and distorted view of the world, disfigured by darkness and fear.”

“The peace of the risen Jesus is unarmed, because his was an unarmed struggle”

“When peace is not a reality that is lived, cultivated and protected, then aggression spreads into domestic and public life.”



2 An unarmed peace



3 A disarming peace

“Goodness is disarming. Perhaps this is why God became a child.”

“every community become a ‘house of peace,’ where one learns how to defuse hostility through dialogue”

scan the Qr Code



“Therefore, alongside action, it is more necessary than ever to cultivate prayer, spirituality, and ecumenical and interreligious dialogue as paths of peace and as languages of encounter within traditions and cultures.”



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DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING
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