

What will happen in Europe?

In Spain, Portugal and the UK. there will be denominational and interreligious prayers organised by Christians, Hindus, members of the Bahá'í Faith and other religions.

In Belgium Christian and Muslim youth from the GNRC will go to an orphanage to play with the children and donate some toys.

Please share with us what you will do in your countries!



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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
AND ACTION
FOR CHILDREN
20 November 2008**



20 November marks the anniversary of the most universally embraced human rights treaty—the Convention on the Rights of the Child—therefore, the Global Network of Religions for Children, GNRC, invites religious leaders and organisations to get together in prayer and action to promote the well-being of children and make a difference in their lives.

"As people of different faiths and religious traditions, we propose that a "World Day of Prayer and Action for Children" be held every year on 20 November, the International Children's Day.

We therefore call on people of all of the world's religious and spiritual traditions to join us as we express our gratefulness for children and rededicate ourselves to children on this day each year, and together with relevant government, non-governmental and community-based organizations and other stakeholders, take action with and for children."

The Hiroshima Declaration of the Global Network of Religions for Children

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"Almighty, we thank you for the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which highlights the responsibilities of societies across the world towards children and youth, and which supports their strengths and potential, their attributes and needs. We pray for their homes, schools and faith communities. May children and young people experience health, happiness, security and cultural wisdom, in their growing years: that, in peace and hope, they may both enjoy and look forward to many creative possibilities in the adventure of life: for their own fulfilment and for the common good."

Revd John Bradford, UK Global Network of Religions for Children

What can you do during the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children?

- Prayer services for the well-being of children and protection of their rights (one particular religious community or interfaith services)
- Concrete actions for children implemented at country or regional level in religious places or other locations with the participation of religious leaders.

Example of activities:

- Organise children's rights campaigns
- Prepare informational sessions for children and young people about drug abuse or HIV/AIDS
- Immunize children against infectious diseases
- Prepare campaigns against harmful traditional practices
- Organise sessions on ethics education for children