



STEWARDS OF OUR EARTH All of God's Creation

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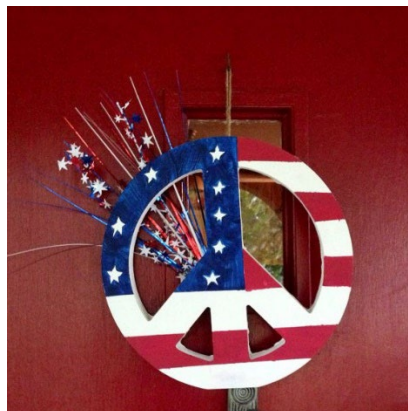
Celebrating Independence Day: Peace Brothers and Sisters

“Every generation of Americans needs to know that freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.” (John Paul II in his visit to the U.S. in 1995)

“....Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the existence of justice for all people.”
(From a quote by Martin Luther King, Jr., 1956)

In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.
At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.
We listen carefully as it gathers strength.
We hear a sweetness.
The word is Peace.
It is loud now. It is louder.
Louder than the explosion of bombs.
We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.
It is what we have hungered for.
Not just the absence of war. But, true Peace.
A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.
Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.
We, Angels and Mortals, Believers and Non-Believers,
Look heavenward and speak the word aloud.
Peace. We look at our world and speak the word aloud.
Peace. We look at each other, then into ourselves
And we say without shyness or apology or hesitation.
Peace, My Brother.
Peace, My Sister.
Peace, My Soul.
From: “Amazing Peace” by Dr. Maya Angelou

Why do we only rest in peace? Why don't we live in peace too? (Chalkboard quote posted at a gas station in Gauteng, South Africa)



Happy Independence Day!