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**On the morning of September 11, 2001**, America experienced several tragic terrorist attacks in which thousands of innocent civilians perished. It was a day of violence, horror and great sadness that will never be forgotten.

Please visit and share in the permanent Memorials that have been established to honor the lives of the many victims.

Look at every path closely and deliberately. Try it as many times as you think necessary. Then ask yourself and yourself alone one question. This question is one that only a very old man asks. My benefactor told me about it once when I was young and my blood was too vigorous for me to understand it. Now I do understand it. I will tell you what it is: Does this path have a heart? If it does, the path is good. If it doesn't it is of no use.

Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness, and drama. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

### **International Youth Peace Pledge**

**The International Youth Peace Pledge was created by the youth members of PEACE Incorporated, for all youth worldwide.**

I do hereby make this pledge, now, and for the future generations of the world, that I will strive for excellence and consciously focus my thoughts, feelings and actions in an attempt to maintain a peaceful connection with all humanity.

I acknowledge and accept my share of the responsibility of creating a safer and more peaceful world in which to live by abstaining from life destructive behaviors. I pledge to keep peace in my heart so that I and the future generations of the world can grow surrounded by love without fear.

I commit myself to increasing the peace by serving as an example for others to learn and grow in a peaceful nature, because in my heart, I know that this act will ultimately lead to the expansion of peace and a generation dedicated to world peace.

**Peace begins in the hearts and minds of individuals. It all starts with us. We are the change-agents. Working together we can make a difference in the lives of our schools, families, communities, nations and world.**

**Taking a moment of silence out of students hectic schedules to contemplate ways we can all work together to Increase Peace**

**is one very good way to help facilitate positive change.**

### **A Moment of Silence**

#### **To Increase Peace / Script for Student Announcements**

**During home room, or before the Start of the first period class and before each school sponsored event, we propose a member of the student council, member of PEACE Incorporated, or student chosen by their peers be allowed to make the following announcement over the public address system which should then to be followed by a Moment of Silence to Increase Peace.**

#### ***Monday***

Would everyone please join me for a moment of silence in remembrance of those students, faculty and staff around the world who have lost their lives due to senseless acts of violence at or around their schools. Contemplate the ways we can all work together to eliminate violence from our lives and "Increase Peace" within our schools, families, and nations.

Now...A moment of silence. Thank you and have a safe and peaceful day!

#### ***Tuesday***

Would everyone please join me for a moment of silence in remembrance of the students around the world who are not in school today because of feeling fear, intimidation, or prejudice from fellow classmates, faculty or staff. Contemplate ways we can all work together to eliminate this intimidation and abuse from our lives and "Increase Peace" within our schools, families, communities, and nations.

Now...A moment of silence. Thank you and have a safe and peaceful day!

#### ***Wednesday***

Would everyone please join me for a moment of silence in remembrance of all the students around the world who

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have lost their lives because of the influence of drug or alcohol abuse. Contemplate the ways we can work together to eliminate substance abuse from our lives and "Increase Peace" within our schools, families, communities, and nations.

Now...A moment of silence. Thank you and have a safe and peaceful day!

#### *Thursday*

Would everyone please join me for a moment of silence in remembrance of the children around the world who's lives have been cut short due to poverty, hunger, and disease. Contemplate ways we can all work together to help everyone become more prosperous, safe, and "Increase Peace" within our schools, families, communities, and nations.

Now...A moment of silence. Thank you and have a safe and peaceful day!

#### *Friday*

Would everyone please join me for a moment of silence in remembrance of the students around the world who have lost all hope and taken their own lives. Contemplate ways we can all work together to be there for each other and "Increase Peace" within our schools, families, communities, and nations.

Now...A moment of silence. Thank you and have a safe and peaceful day!

### **BE THE SOLUTION!** –Student Essays

If there is something about this world that you don't like, then change it. Figure out what you can do to make this world a better place to live in. Speak kindly to others. Treat others with respect. Learn to embrace each new day, and to live each day to the fullest. Learn to love, and learn to forgive. Also, Be the Solution means that you don't become part of the problem. Don't do drugs, don't practice violence, and don't hate. Treat your body, your mind, and your soul with respect, and leave this world a better place than way you found it.

#### ***Elizabeth Linsley***

If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem! Don't be one of those people who talks about all the problems in this world, be one of those people who gets off the couch and does something about it. The only way to live is to live and prosper, why not help out the world you live in while doing it?

#### ***Aileen Kilgore***

### **Posters for Peace Project** **Why Posters for Peace?**

**The events of September 11, 2001 were very tragic. Many lives were lost and many still and will continue to suffer from the loss of their love ones. Our hearts go out to them! Still, many people around the world have to live every day of their lives surrounded by that same fear experienced by everyone worldwide on September 11th, 2001.**

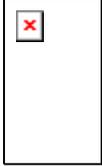
Last year much of the population of the United States and many people in many other countries wholeheartedly supported the US and Allied Forces invasion of Afghanistan. And, just like the attacks on New York and Washington DC, many innocent men women and children were senselessly killed and many still suffer. This year, the concern is not just for the people of the United States and Afghanistan, but also for the people of Iraq as well as many others living in the turmoil of the Middle East. Also, last year there was little voice for the young people of our world in any of the media. This year we hope to help change all of that. We hope the posters and flyers displayed by youth around the world will help give young people a voice for peace and also help to counteract some of the negativity of the media. It is time to Stop! the Madness and Increase Peace. It is time to get people and leaders around the world thinking about peaceful solutions to the violence epidemic that has been plaguing our world. The international posters for peace project has proven to be a safe effective way for young people everywhere to speak out about injustices of the world and to protest senseless acts of violence and unhealthy lifestyle choices. This project is open to everyone everywhere to help bring awareness to to the responsibility we all share in making our world a safer and more peaceful place for everyone to live.

Everyone can get actively involved and help facilitate positive change. This is a great project for Individuals, Families, Schools, Church Youth Groups, Clubs, Art Classes, and Youth Organizations. The more posters and flyers

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displayed, the more everyone's awareness will be brought to peace. This could also be a great way to help promote or compliment your Youth Organization, School, or Clubs activities such as Peer Education Projects, Youth Hotlines, Help Centers and other initiatives. The possibilities are unlimited.

We invite you to join us and join together with young people from over the world. Working together, we can "Increase Peace" within our schools, families, communities, nations. Imagine if only 25% of the young people that you know personally, created a poster or flyer and displayed it in a prominent area in your community, School, Church or Youth organization. How many posters or flyers would there be and how much awareness would it bring to peace? A lot? Yep! So, what do you do? Simple, just follow the link to the next page.



### **PeaceQuest: Conclusion**

The Terrorist attack was intended to demoralize the American people, but its effect was just the opposite. Americans have come together to help one another, and the entire free world is polarized against terrorism in all it's forms. Let us apply that unity toward World Peace.

ONLY LOVE IS REAL

Sing the Peace Song---ask Mrs. Stroeh if the choir can learn it?????

**“When in despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won; there have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall.” M.K. Gandhi**