MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 58th WORLD DAY OF PEACE

"Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace"

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Peace should concern all of us!

In everyday life and according to one's own ability, everyone can perform merciful and charitable acts aimed at breaking up the chains of injustice.



Reflect on:

Jesus' teaching: with the "Our Father" He invites us to pray "forgive us our trespasses".

God's mercy: every time He forgives our sins and gives us salvation.

A jubilee year: The Heart of the Redeemer brings us the light of hope and peace.





Understand that:

- 1. We are called to listen and voice out the cry of humanity and of Creation.
- 2. By acknowledging ourselves as debtors, we will realize that we all need one another.
- 3. Only a disarmed heart can yield peace and hope for the future.



- It is necessary a cultural and structural change for peace to be real and long-lasting.
- To raise up those who have fallen, bind up the broken-hearted, and deliver them from any type of slavery ...
- It only takes "a smile, a friendly gesture, a fraternal gaze, a sincere listening ear, a free service" ...



By opening our disarmed hearts to our brothers and sisters, we will restore God's justice on earth and we will move forward to achieve the goal of peace.





