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Pope Benedict XVI,
World Peace Day 2009

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The world needs works of mercy and justice

- 750 million people go to bed hungry each night
- 2.1 billion people live on less than £1 a day
- 99% of maternal deaths occur in developing countries
- The US has a higher percentage of children living in poverty than any of the world's richest countries
- 22% of the UK population live on low income - defined as less than 60% of median income



- not works of war and destruction

- World military spending for 2007 was £680 billion - that is £102 for each person in the world
- 26 million people were forced to leave home as a result of conflict in 2007
- In 2007 the UK spent £36.7 billion on defence and £4.5 billion on overseas development
- The cost of Trident, Britain's nuclear weapons system, is £2 billion a year
- 80% of arms exports come from the USA, UK, Russia, France and Germany

“Authentic and lasting peace that excludes the development of each person and nation is inconceivable... nor is disarmament possible if violence is not uprooted - that is, if humanity does not decide to work for peace, what is good and what is just.” *Pope Benedict, Rome, April 2008*

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Pax Christi - our vision, our history

The work of Pax Christi - the Peace of Christ - is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its forms. The three core values which Pax Christi members place at the centre of their lives are

- Peace
- Reconciliation
- Nonviolence

Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work.

The inspired initiative of one woman, Martha Dortel-Claudot, Pax Christi was founded in 1945 in France, to pray for reconciliation between the peoples of France and Germany. Today Pax Christi is an international movement of Christians active in more than 50 countries. Join us today and become part of a movement working and praying for peace.

In the past year we have...

- Run training sessions and workshops with teachers, school chaplains, parish groups and prison chaplains on challenging violence and resolving conflict.
- Produced educational and prayer materials on Christian peacemaking for schools and parishes. *Peace People Who Changed the World* is a new resource for school and confirmation groups.
- Contributed to a summer peace camp for young people at the Pax Christi House of Peace in Florence.
- Organised vigils and memorial activities to draw attention to the costs and suffering caused by 5 years of war with Iraq.
- Taken part in a solidarity visit to Palestine in support of our partners in the area and produced campaigning materials to encourage peace work on behalf of the people of Israel and Palestine ...*and much more too!*