

# **PEACE AND WAR**

Peace is right and it is duty but it's difficult to imagine a world without wars.



#### **SOME ESTIMATES**

- Over the course of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, civilian fatalities in war climbed dramatically;
- 51 million people were killed in wars between 1945 and 2000;
- Between 2000 and 2010 the number of wars in the world declined.

#### **CHILD SOLDIERS**

- Over 2 million children were killed during wartime in the past decade;
- There are about 100.000 girls among the estimated 300.000 child soldiers in the world today;
- Thousands of girls have suffered rape and sexual abuse;
- Experience of Emmanuel Jal;
- In 2008, the UN Optional Protocol that bans the use of children as soldiers was ratified by 120 states.

## **PEACEFUL TOMORROWS**

In 2002 the UN General Assembly declared 21<sup>st</sup>
September as the permanent date for the
International Day of Peace.

### **PEOPLE AGAINST WAR**

- Rachel Corrie: a member of the Olympia Movement for Justice and Peace;
- Rita Lasar: a founding member of September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows;
- Nelson Mandela: the first democratically elected president of South Africa;
- Albert Einstein: a German physicist;
- Oscar y Gald: a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church in El Salvador.

## THE BEST QUOTES

"If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner". Nelson Mandela "Nothing will end war unless the people themselves refuse to go to war". Albert Einstein