

Global Vigil for Peace!

At dusk, on Sunday, February 15, 2004,
We can make something extraordinary happen.

Imagine!



People will come together in their town's courthouse square, or on a busy downtown intersection, or in front of a church building, or in front of the local Army recruiting office, or in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. Many of these people will be children, many will be high school and university students. Many will be elderly citizens on Social Security and many will be unemployed. Some will be doctors, homemakers, designers, clergy, teachers, and midwives. Some will be **Peace** activists and some will be soldiers just arrived home after serving 12 months in Iraq with the Army reserve. They will speak many different languages. Some will worship in mosques, some in churches, some in synagogues, some in temples, some in the forest. They may be as different from each other as yellow is

from red, as different as black is from white.

Yet they will all have one thing in common: THEY ALL WANT PEACE!

People will take a stand for **Peace** during this international solidarity event. Their expressions may vary. Some may hold hands, some may stand in silence, some may burst into song. Some may hold placards that say: "**No war in Iraq! End the Occupation! Bring the Troops Home Now!**", some signs may say: "**Healthcare Not Warfare**", others may say "**Bread and Schools, Not Bombs and Bullets**". And some will declare, "**No war for empire!**" Some will stand in silent prayer or meditation. Most will hold lit candles. All will be saying, "**Peace!**"

These **Candlelight Peace Vigils** will take place on the first anniversary of the historic day when more than 10 million people demonstrated world-wide against the Bush administration's plans for the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

"War is an archaic idea that must no longer be acceptable as a means to any end. Peace is the only sustainable mode of being. Peace is worth striving for because war has left too many scars on Earth and its inhabitants. **War is always wrong! Peace is the only way!**"

Vigils are already being planned in Bloomington, Indiana; Deerfield, Massachusetts; in Des Moines, Iowa; in Austin, Texas; in Palo Alto, California; Worms, Germany and many more cities.

February 15th, 2004 also marks the 13th anniversary of the U.S. bombing of the Al-Amariyah bomb shelter in Baghdad, Iraq, when over 400 women and children were killed.

By organizing a peace vigil in your community, you can help make this event one where hundreds of thousands of people across the world join together in solidarity to call for peace and an end to war.

**Join us on February 15th and stand for peace!
Organize a Vigil for Peace in your community!**

Downloadable flyers available at: <http://www.endthewar.org>

Please let us know if your community will be participating by contacting us:
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Note: This project is a work in progress; some information may be subject to change.

The call for Vigils was initiated by the National Network to End the War Against Iraq
– The Grassroots Peace Network, online at: <http://www.endthewar.org>