

2024 Nuclear Prayer Day Press Kit

Thank you for your interest in the 3rd Annual Nuclear Prayer Day (August 6, 2024). While **Voices For a World Free of Nuclear Weapons** began this event to advocate for a world free of nuclear weapons and to unite humanity in prayer, we invite everyone to make this day their own. We encourage you to create and share your own nuclear prayer and/or host your own event. This kit includes primary information you may use to write to plan a prayer moment or event. It also includes information about our Zoom event on August 6th, sample texts for bulletins, newsletters or email distribution, and links to images you may wish to include. Please

consider the information herein before sharing information about Nuclear Prayer Day. There are links to resources you may need to access images and text. Thank you again for your prayers and participation and for sharing Nuclear Prayer Day with others.

Title of the Event: Nuclear Prayer Day

Co-Sponsors: Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons Plus 29 other organizations listed on page 2.

Date/Time: Tuesday August 6th 2024 (Some individuals and organizations may participate during services or events the weekend before.)

PDFs, Logos and Event Promotional Images: Click HERE to access NPD Collateral.

Website: https://www.voices-uri.org/nuclear-prayer-day

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Short Text (246 Characters): Nuclear Prayer Day is an annual day of prayer on August 6th, the day the first atomic bomb that was dropped on Hiroshima in Japan. Please join with people all over world on this day as we pray for an end to nuclear weapons.

Long Text NPD Purpose Statement: The magnitude of death and destruction of the bombs dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945 made clear that nuclear weapons must never be used again. Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons (a part of the United Religions Initiative) invites all individuals of good will and all organizations of concern to draw strength from each one's deepest convictions and longings for a better future on Nuclear Prayer Day, August 6. A world united in moments of silence, in words spoken from the heart, and in a sure vision of a world beyond nuclear weapons – such moments will anchor and sustain our commitment as we work together to bring an end to the nuclear threat.

Hashtags: #NPD2024 #NPD #NuclearPrayerDay2024 #NuclearPrayerDay #NuclearPrayer #SaveTomorrows #Pray #Prayer #PrayerWorks #NuclearDisarmarment #NuclearAbolition #NoNukes

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/voicesforaworldfreeofnuclearweapons/

Video: The Right Reverend William E. Swing introduces 3rd Annual Nuclear Prayer Day:

https://vimeo.com/985410977

NOTES: In naming your event, try replacing negative language (e.g., "Anti-Nuclear Prayer Day" or "Pray for Anti-Nuclear Weapons Day") with language acknowledging the threat and also offering hope ("Prayer Day for A World Free of Nucleal Weapons"). Sponsors, please share this info with your sphere.

Co-Sponsored Event Details

Event Title: Spiritual Power: Hope in Action for Nuclear Weapons Abolition, Tuesday, August 6thNoon Eastern/9am Pacific.

Event Description: The 3rd **Annual Nuclear Prayer Day is August 6.** As part of our prayer and meditation on the anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, *Voices for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons* is cosponsoring a Zoom event with 30 organizations at 12:00pm Eastern Time. Inspiring presenters will speak to the urgent danger of nuclear weapons, outline specific steps we can take in response, and invite us all to reconnect with the deep levels of hope and faith that will sustain us as we work for a world free of nuclear weapons. In addition to the conversation-style discussion, there will be a chance for dialogue among all participants. The conversation will be moderated by Anna Ikeda of *Soka Gakkai International* (SGI). Voices' Annual Youth Award will be presented during this event. Please mark your calendar and join us in our Zoom Room!

Zoom Mtg ID: 8837 1822 270 https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88371822270

Event Related Material including NPD Logo, Zoom Background, Event Images & Fliers: Click HERE Nuclear Prayer Day Co-Sponsors:



Additional Opportunity: You may wish to register your organization or personal participation as one or more of the <u>Billion Acts of Peace here</u>. Create a free account and add your acts including how many people in your organization are participating. You may also add photographs after your event(s). https://www.billionacts.org/campaign/nuclear-prayer-day-2024