

# JUST PEACE SUNDAY 2015 CRAFT

## HANDS in PRAYER with a pop-up DOVE

Observe UCC Just Peace Sunday, church-wide, by making a craft with your church youth and children. These Hands-in-Prayer cards can be draped throughout your building in celebration of Just Peace Sunday and in observance of the International Peace Day (September 21). It will be a vivid witness to your congregation's commitment to peace. Consider sending pictures, or the actual cards, to your state and national leaders as an act of advocacy. And please send us the pictures so that we can share them with UCC congregations across the country! Post them on Twitter and tag @JustPeaceUCC or email [uccjustpeace@gmail.com](mailto:uccjustpeace@gmail.com).



## MATERIALS:

Cardstock or heavy-weight paper (8 ½ by 11) Bright colors encouraged!

Glue sticks / Tape

Markers

Scissors

White construction paper / Copy Paper

Yarn (or ribbon)\*

Hole punch\*

\*Use the yarn to create a “clothesline” of cards over a doorway, window, or along the wall.

Punch one or two holes in the tops of the cards. Thread the yarn through the holes, looping or knotting as necessary to hold the cards open and in place.



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# Instructions:

1. Choose a piece of standard cardstock, bright colors work best.  
FOLD it in half, from top to bottom. (It now measures 5½ x 8in.)



2. PLACE your hand on the paper; making sure that the bottom of your palm, little finger side, is lined up along the fold.



3. Using a marker, TRACE your hand (slightly-closed fingers, prayer-like).  
CUT it out, making sure that you do *not* cut through the fold. Lay it flat in front of you, with the hands open.



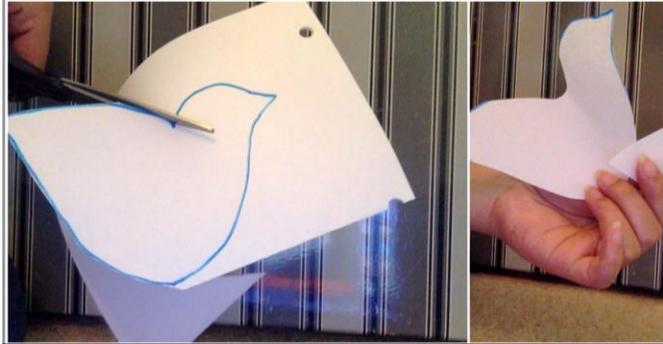
4. Using a scrap from your cardstock, CUT a rectangle measuring 3 to 4 inches in length and 1½ inches wide.  
(Smaller sizes for smaller prayer-hands)  
Fold the rectangle into four equal segments, accordion-style.



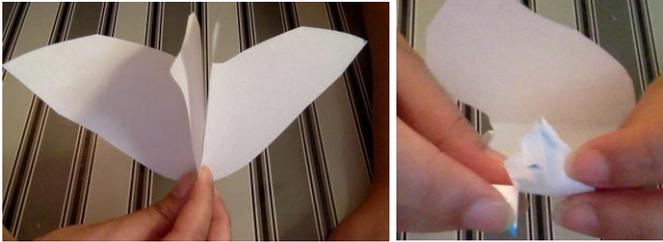
5. TAPE (or glue) the outer two segments of the rectangle onto the prayer hands card, positioning it so that the middle of the rectangle pops up over the fold in the hands.



6. FOLD in half a piece of white construction (or copier) paper  
CHOOSE a dove templet appropriate to the size of your prayer-hands card.  
TRACE the dove onto the construction paper.  
CUT through both pieces of the folded paper, resulting in two identical doves



7. FOLD the dove wings inward toward the head, noting the dotted line on the templet. If you wish to embellish the wings, CUT little slits near the tips to resemble feathers.



8. GLUE the bodies of the dove, one on each side of the pop-up accordion fold (see 5), carefully lining-up and gluing the heads.  
Let the wings fly free.  
CUT out the tail, FOLD it in half, and GLUE it to the back of the accordion fold.



9. WRITE a message on your colorful prayer-hands. Choose phrases from the "Words of Peace" page or compose a prayer.





## WORDS OF PEACE

Paix

Peace is Possible

Shanti

Be a peacemaker

Shalom

Paz

No more war

Praying for peace

Building Peace

Forgiveness

Mercy

Hope

Justice

Consider saying "Peace" in different languages ...

Paix (French), Shalom (Hebrew), Paz (Spanish), Shanti (Hindi and Nepali), others?



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# Dove Templet

Choose the templet that best fits your prayer-hand card (small, medium, or large)

Remember to cut 2 white doves (a left and right side). The dotted lines indicate folds

