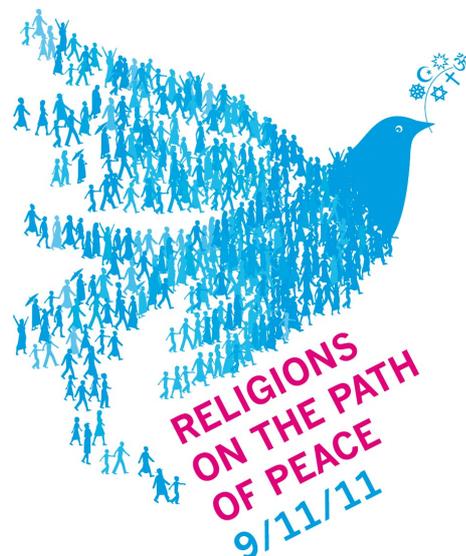


Call to the 10th anniversary - 11 September 2001-2011

On 11 September 2001, terror came from the sky. Terrorists brought down the two towers of the World Trade Center in New York with two airliners. The life of many people was abruptly and brutally terminated. The attacks showed how religions can be abused for violence in the name of God. Developments around the world as well as in Germany have made clear since then how great the challenges are for living together peacefully in culturally, religiously, and ideologically pluralistic societies. In order to commemorate the victims of the attacks of 11 September 2001 in the USA together with the victims of the subsequent military conflicts and to work for peace, people from different religions established the initiative "Religions on the Path of Peace". Their symbol is a blue peace dove, composed of various human figures.



On Sunday the 11th of September 2011, on the 10th anniversary of the terror attacks in the USA, the interreligious initiative "Religions on the Path of Peace" invites to a common remembrance and peace testimony around the Brandenburg Gate. They encourage interested citizens of Berlin and guests in the city to wear blue articles of clothing on September 11th as a sign of their will for peace; be it a scarf, jacket, trousers, skirt, T-shirt, sweater, headscarf, or hat. Everyone interested in living together peacefully can thus participate at the Brandenburg Gate together with others or as a symbol at other locations in the city.

At the Brandenburg Gate, music from a religious tradition will be heard at every hour from sunrise to sunset. It will concentrate during the afternoon as the remembrance approaches and will be interrupted by a silence at the moment of the first attack at 2.46 p.m.

From 2.30 to 4 p.m., the participants will commemorate the victims of the attacks in the USA and the victims of the subsequent military conflicts. They dissociate themselves from violence in the name of religion and speak of the promises of peace of the religions. Representatives of various religions are gathered at a round table during the day. From noon to 12.45 p.m., a discussion on the topic "Religion Violence Peace" will be held. Opportunities are provided for participants of the event for discussions and for peaceful meetings with people of different religions and interreligious initiatives.

At 4 p.m., a large blue peace dove of people is formed at the Brandenburg Gate, which also represents the logo of the event. Young and old from different religious communities as well as from culture and politics take part in it.

Interreligious initiative: Religions on the Path of Peace

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