



SEMANA POR LA PAZ
THE WEEK FOR PEACE FOR COLOMBIA
SEPTEMBER 11-18
DAY OF REFLECTION & ADVOCACY FOR PEACE SEPT 15

The people of Colombia are denying the power of war and affirming the power of peace during a special week to recognize the importance of peacemaking: *Semana por la paz!*

We are invited to join in the celebration of our shared work for peace in Colombia and around the world.

Join LWR, our Colombian brothers and sisters and countless others around the world in reflecting and advocating for peace.

PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Dear God,

We lift up to you the people of Colombia and peace-seeking people throughout the world.

We celebrate and honor all expressions of peace in our world – shared in music, art, poetry, the breaking of bread, the reconciling of relationships, and in the common desire to love and support our neighbors everywhere. During this week for peace in Colombia our prayer is for a true and lasting peace for the nation of Colombia, that tranquility, justice, hope, and human dignity may be found in every home.

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We pray for guidance for our national leaders, so that our nation may accompany the Colombian people with compassion and wisdom. Inspire us all to turn our swords into plowshares, and to wage war no more.

Amen

ADVOCATE FOR PEACE

Call your senators and representative through the Capitol Switchboard at 202.224.3121 or look them up at www.senate.gov and www.house.gov.

Suggested script: Introduce yourself, say the city you are from, and ask to speak with the foreign policy advisor. Over the phone or on voicemail share:

“My call today is in recognition of the people of Colombia who are striving for peace in their homes and in our world. This week churches and communities throughout Colombia are participating in a celebration of peace that is held in the present and the peace that Colombia aspires to attain.

I ask that your office do all in your power to support these Colombian peacemakers by protecting human rights, defending the victims of war, and promoting social and economic development in Colombia.”

THE WORK FOR PEACE CONTINUES YEAR ROUND

1. Remember the people of Colombia in the prayers of your church.
2. Join the LWR advocacy network by sending your name and e-mail address to kanderson@lwr.org.
3. Visit www.lwr.org/colombia more information on Colombia, advocacy and making a difference together for peace!