

| | In a world of... | Call to conversion | In order to become... |
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| Violence | Games, movies, songs, speech, tone of voice, driving, killings, gangs, crimes against children, rape etc. Found in homes, families, schools, and neighborhoods. | Personal, communal, national, international call to resist. Do I start fights, keep them going? Do I thrive on negative chaos? | A peacemaker in your home, family, school, neighborhood. |
| War, Arms, Conflict | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Language of war <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ killing of women/children: collateral damage ~ torture: persuasion enhancement techniques ~ brainwashing: intelligence discipline ~ weapons of mass destruction: nuclear, biological, chemical (how many do we need?) ~ Places of war <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Afghan., Iraq, Palestine, Libya, Somalia ~ Teach war: SOA (Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation) ~ Cost of war: \$1 trillion spent on war, death & destruction, bombs, missiles, guns, tanks, helicopters, assassins, mercenaries, torture chambers, prisons, spies and dictator support ~ Drones: Remote control warfare. | <p>Reconciliation with Justice...</p> <p>Re-route money spent in defense and spend it for education.</p> <p>Crime in US is that much of the money made from gambling goes into education and schools.</p> <p>Do I support the mentality of war by movies and videos I choose to watch?</p> <p>What gifts do I give children for the holidays/birthdays? Do I talk about peace?</p> | <p>Non-violent alternatives to war:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Language of Reconciliation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ listening ~ dialogue ~ talking things out ~ agreeing to disagree ❖ Use of military language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ target ~ enemies, aliens ~ shoot ~ aim ~ winners/losers ~ either/or ~ competition |

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| Economic and Racial Injustice | <p>Why our poor people in this country are getting poorer, while the rich are getting richer?</p> <p>Why are the majority of crimes in this country 'white collar' ones, yet the majority of the prison population are people of color?</p> <p>Why are the most impoverished schools found in major cities?</p> <p>Why are the Catholic Schools that are being closed in the US found in the cities?</p> | <p>Charity is not enough; working for systemic change is the only way that disparity will dissolve.</p> <p>Do I choose to relate to those who are not like 'me'?</p> <p>Is that relationship mutual or one sided?</p> <p>Do I embrace diversity?</p> | <p>An authentic anti-racist, multi-cultural person look like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Need to do our own homework (understand white privilege and racial oppression) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ opportunities ~ choices ~ education ~ travel opportunities ~ confront what makes us uncomfortable ~ risk going out of our comfort zones |
| Violations to Human Rights | <p>Torture in US prisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ solitary confinement (25,000 in US alone) ~ shackling of women in labor ~ water-boarding (simulation of drowning) <p>Death Penalty</p> <p>Global Destruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Climate Change (CO2 increase is warming climate) + sea levels. ~ Displacement of population. ~ Natural disasters. | <p>In solidarity with those oppressed, marginalized and struggling for basic human dignity.</p> <p>Does my heart hurt when someone else is hurt?</p> <p>Do I really care for the earth? Do I think re-cycling is stupid?</p> | <p>Stand for Human Rights and Global Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ Water (running taps while brushing teeth, long showers, unplug cell phone after charging, throw water away...give to plants) ~ Air: smoking, perfumes, air fresheners, chemicals. ~ Land: gardens, re-cycling, picking up debris, littering, and cutting down on use of plastic. ~ Fire: This summer 10,938 acres burned (all of MD and corner of VA). |

Challenge you to write and offer to pray at your Thanksgiving dinner next week...send us a copy and tell us how it went: Email us at

roa@paxchristiusa.org and anadeau@paxchristiusa.org. THANKS FOR BEING WITH US.