

**INTERNATIONAL MONTH OF PEACE**  
**September, 2013**  
***WHO WILL YOU MAKE PEACE WITH?***

**ROCKFORD BUILDS THE PEACE PLEDGE**

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Every Person, in Every Family, School, Community, City and Country.  
I believe that my own thoughts, words and actions make a difference.  
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**ALL:** Respect all life;  
*Single voice: Respect the life and dignity of each human being without discrimination or prejudice.*

**ALL:** Reject violence;  
*Single voice: Practice active non-violence, rejecting violence in all its forms: physical, sexual, psychological, economic and social, in particular towards the most deprived and vulnerable such as children and adolescents.*

**ALL:** Share with others;  
*Single voice: Share my time and material resources in a spirit of generosity to put an end to exclusion, injustice and political and economic oppression.*

**ALL:** Listen to understand;  
*Single voice: Defend freedom of expression and cultural diversity, giving preference always to dialogue and listening without engaging in fanaticism, defamation and the rejection of others.*

**ALL:** Preserve the planet;  
*Single voice: Promote consumer behavior that is responsible and development practices that respect all forms of life and preserve the balance of nature on the planet.*

**ALL:** and Rediscover Solidarity.  
*Single voice: Contribute to the development of my community, with the full participation of women and respect for democratic principles, in order to create together new forms of solidarity.*

**ALL:** We must and we can build a “beloved community.”