

- 1 Most countries are members of the United Nations.
- 2 Tomorrow, 26th June, is the anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter in 1945, just before the end of the Second World War. The UN Charter is an important statement of what the United Nations commit themselves to do. The Charter includes the following words:
  - 3 *“to maintain international peace and security”*,
  - 4 *“to develop friendly relations among nations”*,
  - 5 *“to achieve international co-operation in solving economic, social, cultural or humanitarian problems”*,
  - 6 *“encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental problems”*.
- 7 If justice and peace between nations start with individual people, let’s pray for ourselves, that we may commit ourselves each day to live in the same way that we hope that nations will live.
- 8 Let us pray and commit ourselves that here and amongst our families, we may set out to be understanding, treating everyone fairly.

Lord, in your mercy - ***hear our prayer.***
- 9 Let us pray and commit ourselves to value and respect people as individuals.

Lord, in your mercy - ***hear our prayer.***
- 10 Let us pray and commit ourselves to be positive and friendly and generous towards others.

Lord, in your mercy - ***hear our prayer.***
- 11 Let us pray and commit ourselves not to become prejudiced against people of other backgrounds, religions, or cultures - but may treat others in the same way that we would like them to treat us.

Lord, in your mercy - ***hear our prayer.***

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