

# Report on Day of Prayer and Action for Children "Reducing poverty, violence and building peace" Year 2012

November 20 is World Day of Prayer and Action for Children

"We want to bring together the different religions in a global appeal for the child to be respected, protected and loved." (Dr. Zilda Arns, the opening event of the Day of Prayer and Action in 2009)



In the year 2012, the Pastoral da Criança, together with the GNRC Committees in Brazil and the religions traditions and institutions, promoted interfaith celebrations in various cities in Brazil. Many activities were held during the week of November 20, World Day of Prayer and Action for Children. In Brazil this is also the day of Black People Consciousness.

Since 2011, Brazil has included the issue of child poverty in the November 20<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Religious traditions are committed to mobilizing resources and adopt measures of interfaith communication and dialogue to prevent all forms of violence and harmful practices to children within communities. Within the central theme of "reducing poverty, violence and building peace," still stands out access to the Birth Registration and the Positive Parenting.

The Pastoral da Criança organization, which integrates GNRC in Brazil, has mobilized its network of more than 230,000 volunteers and 1.2 million Brazilian families in all States. In the years 2010 and 2011, were printed 3 million prayer leaflets and 300,000 posters, to deliver a special prayer for the child to each family followed up by the Pastoral da Criança. The prayer was also printed in the Journal of Pastoral in November, to be recited at 1.4

million home visits by volunteers of the Pastoral da Criança. Some support materials, such as audio, video and PDF of Prayer for Children in Portuguese and English texts were posted in the internet.

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## Activities carried out in some cities of Brazil:

### Paraná State

=> In Curitiba / PR, the World Day of Prayer and Action for Children took place on Nov. 24, joining nearly 1,500 children and adolescents from various religious traditions. The celebration took place at Terminal Boqueirão (space provided by City Hall), with the organization and support of the Pastoral da Carina, Archdiocese of Curitiba, Legion of Good Will of God Religion, Rosicrucian Order, World Messianic Church of Brazil, Beneficent Muslim Society of Paraná, Curitiba First Baptist Church, Mukiti Okada Foundation, Hare Krishna Temple, Focolare Movement, Marist Group of Education, Baha'i Community of Curitiba, the Regional Directors Boqueirão, Sanepar (water company), Army Barracks, Fire Department, Cultural Foundation, Municipal Guard, Municipal and Social Action Foundation.



During the afternoon were offered recreation and education, as well as performing arts circus school, marching band, concert Wakaba Taiko drum group presentations and theater and puppets. A child's prayer was recited by all participants at the opening activities. Plants were distributed to all participants. See the Portuguese movie about the event. (

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# Brasília, Federal District

=> On November 22 came the solemn session in the House of Representatives in the plenary Ulysses Guimarães. The session was proposed by the deputy Mrs. Liliam Sá. During the session there was a presentation of the children's choir of the LBV, Dançarte Special group and group-Karate School Dance Corner of Sunflower.



=> The Brasilia World Day of Prayer and Action for Children was on the 24th of November, in the satellite city of Ceilândia, in the Lutheran Social Center called Corner of Sunflower, and was attended by 600 people. The following religion traditions and organization were in the event: National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil (CONIC), Baha'i community of Brazil, Brazilian Spirits Federation, Association of Families for World Peace and Unification, Pastoral, Lutheran Church, Presbyterian Church, CNBB, Orthodox of Antioch Syrian Church, District Council of Human Rights, Legion of Good Will, Candomblé, students and teachers of the school Special Education Center Santa Maria, students of the House of Hope and Ceilândia school's Corner Sunflower. After opening was artistic presentations and the children could interact and play.

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ation was held on November 20, bringing together more than 180 people from various sectors and religious traditions. The children interacted and participated actively in all activities, being able to share their happiness in this celebration. Participated in the activity Pastoral da Criança, Methodist Church, CLAI, Rissho Kosei Kai House of Brazil and the United Religions.

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#### Rio Grande do Sul

=> In Porto Alegre / RS, the event was held during the afternoon of Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> in the square General Pinheiro Braga. Participants included approximately 400 people, with the collaboration of the Pastoral da Criança, GNRC Porto Alegre, Islamic Cultural Center, Centro Port-Israeli Alegrense, Spirits Federation of Rio Grande do Sul, Bahá'í, Buddhist Study Center Bodhisattva (Tibetan), St. Agnes College, the YMCA and First Regional Coordination of Education of the State of Rio Grande do Sul. After the prayer, the children had the opportunity to participate in various activities organized by each organization, such as toys and games, meditation, storytelling stories, folding, drawings and paintings.

During the month of November, there were other activities to mark the Day of Prayer and Action for Children. Stands out the activity held on November 14, in the parish hall of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish. During the morning shift were prayed the Prayer for Children and actions with children of various nurseries, totaling 250 children. (<a href="https://www.pastoraldacrianca.org.br/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=1897:dia-de-oracao-e-acao-pela-crianca-em-porto-alegre&catid=48:locais&Itemid=40">https://www.pastoraldacrianca.org.br/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=1897:dia-de-oracao-e-acao-pela-crianca-em-porto-alegre&catid=48:locais&Itemid=40</a>)



### Santa Catarina

=> In Florianópolis was performed a walk through the city center, on the 19th of November, bringing together about 250 people. During the walk leaflets of the Prayer for the Child were distributed and readings of the prayer were made at the end the celebration, in Portuguese, English and Spanish.



## Rio de Janeiro

=> In the city of Nova Friburgo the Pastoral da Criança used the celebration of the life meeting of November to pray with children and families, the Prayer for the Children.



Para

=> In the state capital of Pará, in Belém, the activity was held on November 20 in a square in the city center. During the celebration were held games with the children, toy manufacturing and distribution of educational materials of the Pastoral da Criança and also guidelines on oral rehydration solution. More than 700 people participated in the activity.



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