Right now, the world is heading towards a global disaster. The virus can affect anyone, but it does not impact everyone equally. Many countries have had their healthcare systems decimated by fighting and war, and coronavirus now poses a great threat to people living in conflict. We need peace more than ever so that we can all unite in the fight against coronavirus.

The UN Secretary General has called for a global ceasefire, asking warring parties around the world to lay down their arms. But there is not enough political will to make this happen, and we need leaders all over the world to come together to support peace by calling for a global ceasefire.

Humanity faces a common threat in coronavirus and we must ensure that all people are able to focus their efforts on lessening the impact of any outbreaks. That’s why our movement is calling on all world leaders and warring parties to enact and respect a #GlobalCeasefire to:

1. Protect the invaluable humanitarian and healthcare workers risking their own health and safety, and to ensure communities are prepared to mount an effective response to coronavirus.
2. Allow life-saving humanitarian aid to meet escalating needs on the ground as the virus spreads to the most vulnerable communities.
3. Use this unprecedented moment in world history to take steps towards peace in all the world’s conflicts that have already taken such a huge toll on human life.

What can I do about it?
We need to raise our voices collectively to make the case for peace. It’s currently the best chance we have at ensuring people in conflict zones get the vital care they need to fight against coronavirus.

The Doves for Peace campaign seeks to build a global movement calling on leaders to urgently support and implement a global ceasefire. By speaking up about why peace is important to us, we can unite in fighting coronavirus and build a world without violence and bloodshed. Through this campaign we collectively call on all combatants to lay down their guns to ensure a rapid COVID-19 response and allow communities to recover.

By coming together through the Doves for Peace campaign we will:
1. Raise awareness of the opportunity for a global ceasefire to fight covid-19 outbreaks in conflict affect countries
2. Highlight the threat that ongoing conflicts and violence pose for a proper covid-19 response
3. Empower people around the world to post creative messages supporting peace through a global ceasefire, using the dove symbol and #DovesForPeace to build a movement

Impact on women and girls: The UN SG’s statement also calls for measures to address the horrifying surge in domestic violence during COVID-19 lockdowns recognizing that women and girls often experience violence and security differently. When we support this call for a global ceasefire; we also call for a stop to all violence against women and girls everywhere.

GET CREATIVE AND JOIN THE DOVES FOR PEACE CAMPAIGN
Technology and social media have brought the world together through this crisis and allowed us to build and maintain communities through lockdown and social distancing measures. We can harness those same tools to build a global movement calling for a peace.
We need to send a loud message to **world leaders that they must stand for peace** by supporting a global ceasefire. Think about why peace is important to you and make your voice heard! Get creative and share your own message to world leaders calling for a People’s Peace.

We have a **short but promising window of opportunity** to make this global ceasefire meaningful for those at the sharpest end of this crisis. Let’s use our collective and diverse voices to stand up for a people’s peace.

Here are some suggestions for how you can support Doves for Peace:

- **Share #Doves4Peace** Share a message on social media – send it to leaders and politicians, tell them why they must back a global ceasefire.

**If you have 30 SECONDS:**

- Share/Retweet this image in support of the Global Ceasefire adding the white dove emoji and the hashtags #Doves4Peace #GlobalCeasefire
- [Click here to apply the Facebook filter](#) to show your support

**Suggested tweets:**

At a time of global crisis, we must stand up for those living through conflict and ensure they get the vital support they need. That’s why I’m standing up for peace and calling on world leaders to support a #GlobalCeasefire #Doves4Peace 🕶️

The threat of violence makes providing safe #coronavirus care so much harder. We call on world leaders to support a #GlobalCeasefire to ensure lifesaving care can reach those that need it most. Stand with #DovesforPeace 🕶️

More than anything, the past month has shown how important it is for us all to stand together – and nothing shows humanity standing together more than peace. That’s why I’m calling on world leaders to support a #GlobalCeasefire #Doves4Peace 🕶️

**If you have 1 MINUTE:**

- Upload #Doves4Peace GIF/picture on your social media profile picture. Facebook filter [here](#).

**If you have 5 MINUTES:**

- Using TikTok/Instagram, join the #Doves4Peace challenge and share on all your social media platforms encouraging others to join you. *This is a chance for you to get creative and collaborate with your family and friends or other TikTok users by creating videos that will force our leaders to hear our call for a global ceasefire*
- Use your hands to make a dove sign, take a picture and share on your social media with the hashtags: #Doves4Peace #GlobalCeasefire

**If you have 10 MINUTES:**

- Get crafty – on your own or with your children/ family/ housemates, create an image of a dove as a symbol of peace – it could be a drawing, painting, origami, a collage - get creative! Put it in your window or on your wall and share photos of it on social
media with #Doves4Peace! Here’s a video for how to create an origami dove: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YajnsShr1lA

- Dove design here.

**Speak Up and Amplify.** We are calling on all writers to share with us their writings in whatever format (blogs, Op-eds, poetry or essays) on what peace means to them, their experiences of Covid-19 in times of conflict or crisis and why the call for a global ceasefire is so important, now more than ever. We will then be posting and amplifying these pieces of work across our platforms.

**Collaborate and Inform.** Be a #Dove4Peace Ambassador for Peace. Share with your networks, families and friends’ information about the global ceasefire encouraging them to take action. Collaborate with your networks and lobby your governments, regional economic communities and multilateral bodies (African Union, ASEAN, EU etc.) to commit to supporting the ceasefire.