

How can you practice peace and patriotism in your daily life as an American?

Peace and Patriotism in My Daily Life

As a junior high student living in the United States, there are many ways I can practice peace and patriotism in my daily life. Webster's dictionary defines patriotism as devoted love, support and defense of one's country. More simply, it is being loyal to the founding principles our forefathers gave us: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. By practicing these principles, I can demonstrate peace and patriotism every day. The wise words of John Swift, "I hope you truly live all the days of your life" inspires me to make a daily effort to brighten the lives of others with simple acts of kindness, a smile or compliment. I feel if I let my light shine, I will inspire others to do the same. For a candle loses nothing of its light by lighting another candle, it only grows brighter.

Furthermore, I have the freedom to choose. Sometimes the decisions I make are difficult and perplexing. Yet, at other times they are easy. In life, I know I will face obstacles; however, when these challenges are overcome I will become a stronger. Consequently, this will also prepare me for other barriers that may arise on my journey. Making the right choices are the very essence of practicing patriotism and peaceful living each day.

I am grateful to be an American and acknowledge that the gifts of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are patriotic virtues I should try to live by each day. For me, these simple but gracious acts are ways to practice peace and patriotism each day.