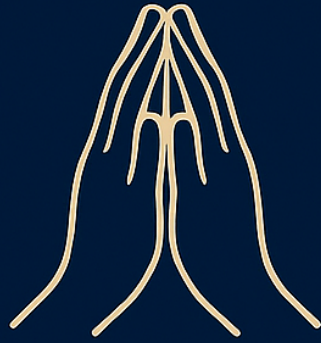
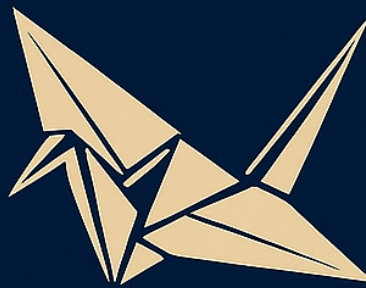




Faith-Based Resource Guide for August 6

Commemorating the Atomic Bombings
of Hiroshima and Nagasaki through
Prayer, Reflection, and Action



*Rooted in remembrance,
spiritual conviction, and
hope for a world free
of nuclear weapons.*



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INTRODUCTION

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On August 6, communities around the world pause to remember the devastation wrought by the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. For people of faith, this moment offers a sacred invitation: to grieve what was lost, to confront the ongoing threat of nuclear weapons, and to recommit ourselves to the work of peace.

In Washington, DC, faith-based advocates and allied organizations gathered for the 2025 Nuclear Prayer Day Vigil, an interfaith ceremony held near the U.S. Capitol to mark eight decades since the bombings. The vigil offered space for lament, spiritual renewal, and public witness—uplifting a shared call for nuclear abolition and deeper commitment to peace.

This guide was created to support congregations and interfaith partners in honoring the significance of August 6 through prayer, reflection, and meaningful action. Designed to serve vigil attendees, sponsoring faith organizations, and broader communities, it offers pathways for continued advocacy throughout August and beyond—while inviting deeper spiritual reflection and renewed communal commitment to peace.

Whether expressed through worship services, study circles, or grassroots outreach, each resource in this guide is rooted in the sacred call to safeguard life and pursue justice.

As you move through these resources, may they nurture your community's witness and renew the spiritual courage to help build a world free from the shadow of nuclear violence.

I. 🕊️ PRAY

Lift up sacred calls for peace

[Nuclear Prayers](#)

Prayers for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

- *A Nuclear Prayer*
- *That Nagasaki Be the Last Use of a Nuclear Weapon*
- *Children's Nuclear Prayer*
- *Prayer for an End to Nuclear Weapons*

Earth-Centered Liturgies

- *Earth Day Prayer*
- *A Prayer for Earth*
- *Canticle of Creation*
- *An Ute Prayer*
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II. LEARN & REFLECT

Deepen understanding and explore the moral dimensions of nuclear disarmament

LEARN: Resources to Ground Your Advocacy

- [**Beginner's Guide to Nuclear Weapons by Back from the Brink**](#) — A curated hub to begin your nuclear abolition education. The Beginner's Guide breaks down the risks, myths, and real-life impacts of nuclear weapons.
- [**The Back from the Brink Congressional Resolutions: H. Res. 317 & S. Res. 323**](#) — Foundational calls for nuclear disarmament and a shift in U.S. policy
- [**Children's Peace Memorial**](#) — Honoring young lives lost in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, this tribute invites global reflection and action to end the nuclear threat.
- [**"Eighty Years After the Atomic Bomb Attacks My Mother's Stories Still Haunt Me."**](#) by Masako Wada, a survivor of the Nagasaki atomic bombing and the assistant secretary-general of Nihon Hidankyo, the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations, recipient of the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize.
- [**"Setsuko Thurlow Remembers the Hiroshima Bombing."**](#) by Setsuko Thurlow, a survivor and leading advocate for nuclear abolition.
- [**Rep. Jim McGovern's Congressional Speech \(July 23, 2025\)**](#) — Bold truth-telling on nuclear threats and moral urgency
- [**Members of Congress: Video Statements \(August 6, 2025\)**](#) — Vigil-day messages of conscience, solidarity, and public witness
- [**The New START Treaty at 15**](#) — Reflections on a critical crossroads for global disarmament
- [**A New Call to Halt and Reverse the Nuclear Arms Race \(June 12, 2025\)**](#) — A timely appeal for change amid escalating risks

REFLECT: Explore how diverse faith communities boldly call for nuclear abolition:

[**Spiritual Reflections:**](#) Faith Communities Calling for Nuclear Abolition

- **General Talking Points** — A unified voice of conscience, justice, and hope
- **Christian Organizations** — Partnering for Peace and Disarmament
- **Jewish Organizations** — A Faithful Commitment to Abolition
- **Muslim Organizations** — A Call for Peace Grounded in Faith
- **Buddhist Organizations** — Walking the Path of Peace
- **Catholic Voices & Pax Christi** — Prophetic Witness & Global Solidarity
- **United Church of Christ** — Bold Moral Leadership

- **United Methodist Church** — *Wesleyan Vision for a Safer World*
- **Quakers** — *Living the Peace Testimony*
- **Episcopal Church** — *Conscience + Compassion*
- **Evangelicals** — *A Biblical Call for Life & Justice*
- **Unitarian Universalists** — *Ethical Action for a Peaceful Future*
- **Presbyterians** — *Reformed Witness to Peace*
- **Church of the Brethren & Mennonites** — *Historic Peace Churches in Action*
- **Soka Gakkai Nichiren Buddhists** — *Commitment through Nichiren Teachings*

Collective Interfaith Action: Shared across traditions. Speaking with one moral voice.

-  [Joint Statement to Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons — March 2025](#)
-  [Joint Statement to the NPT Review Conference — August 2022](#)

Stories, Letters & Speeches that inspire courage and clarity

- **Blog Series:** [Faith in Action — Moral courage for a nuclear-free future](#)
- **Archbishop John C. Wester** — [“Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace”](#)
- **Rev. Amanda Hendler-Voss** — [“The Search for a Peacemaking Culture”](#)
- **Archbishop Stephen Cottrell** — [Address to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament](#)
- **SGI President Daisaku Ikeda** — [Global statements on nuclear abolition](#)

III. 🦊 ACT

Move from reflection to action in pursuit of a world free of nuclear weapons

🦊 Congressional Resolutions for a Safer Future: Back from the Brink's Theory of Change

The [Back from the Brink Congressional Resolutions \(H. Res. 317 & S. Res. 323\)](#) reflect our larger theory of change: grassroots power creates policy change. Local actions—like passing city and state resolutions or engaging local officials—build visible support for federal champions and put pressure on lawmakers who've yet to cosponsor or prioritize the issue. They also create the political space and public expectation needed for elected officials to take bold steps toward diplomacy and disarmament. This synergy between local and federal action is already bearing fruit, as more organizations, governments, and elected leaders align with our vision.

🔍 Background Briefs Available:

Get informed with concise explainers on each resolution:

- [H. Res. 317](#)
- [S. Res. 323](#)

🔍 Full Text

Read the complete language of the resolutions as introduced in Congress

- [H. Res. 317](#)
- [S. Res. 323](#)

Step 1: Urge Congressional Cosponsorship: Ask Your Members of Congress to Take a Stand

Urge your Representatives and Senators to cosponsor H. Res. 317 and S. Res. 323, powerful resolutions calling for a shift in U.S. nuclear policy toward disarmament and human-centered security.

Your outreach helps amplify a growing call for policy rooted in justice, sustainability, and peace.

Take Action with One Click

Support Back from the Brink's campaign to prevent nuclear war by urging Congress to act:

- [Urge your Representative to support \[H. Res. 317\]](#)
- [Urge your Senator to support \[S. Res. 323\]](#)

These simple links make it easy to send a message and amplify your voice.

Phone Call Script: Follow-Up Request to Co-Sponsor H. Res. 317 / S. Res. 323

For constituents who've already emailed and are now calling to follow up

Sample Call Script:

Hi, my name is [Your Name], and I'm a constituent from [City, State, Zipcode]. I'm calling to urge you to co-sponsor [H. Res. 317 OR S. Res. 323], a resolution urging the U.S. to lead the world back from the brink of nuclear war. This resolution calls for common sense steps that reflect the growing public support for reforming outdated nuclear policies, including ending sole authority and first use and urging a halt to costly new nuclear weapons programs. This is imperative while the risk of nuclear war is rising. Local governments in [Maryland—including Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Baltimore]—have already passed Back from the Brink resolutions, showing that constituents and local leaders are united in calling for federal action. As a person of faith, I believe we have a moral responsibility to protect life and pursue peace. Thank you for your time, and I hope the [Representative/Senator] will consider co-sponsoring [H. Res. 317 OR S. Res. 323].

Step 2: Encourage Public Statements from Current Cosponsors

Ask current cosponsors to share public statements supporting H. Res. 317/S. Res. 323 to build momentum.

 [Click here to view the full action step](#)

Step 3: Mobilize Your Faith Community for Advocacy

Rally your faith community to take action for nuclear disarmament—use the resource guide to lead reflection and advocacy.

 [Click here to view the full action step](#)

Step 4: Build Local Power: Join or Organize a Back from the Brink Hub

Change doesn't just happen on Capitol Hill—it grows from the ground up. Back from the Brink Hubs form the core of our distributed grassroots network: local teams working together to rid the world of nuclear weapons and secure common-sense U.S. nuclear policies that make us safer, healthier, and more just.

What Is a BftB Hub?

A Hub is any group of three or more people—or an existing organization—within a community or region that comes together to support Back from the Brink's five-point policy platform and the abolition of nuclear weapons. Hubs are not religious in nature, but may include faith-based organizations as partners.

As of now, there are 26 active Hubs across the United States. Each one reflects its community's unique character and drives local action that contributes to a shared national movement.

What Do Hubs Do?

Here are just a few ways Hubs engage their communities:

- **Pass Local Resolutions**

Work with town councils, city governments, or state legislatures to adopt the full BftB platform.

- **Meet with Elected Officials**

Advocate for federal action—including co-sponsorship of H. Res. 317—through targeted outreach and in-district meetings.

- **Host or Support Local Events**

Organize teach-ins, vigils, panels, film screenings, or collaborative actions that center disarmament.

- **Educate and Engage**

Activate local media, schools, congregations, and civic organizations through storytelling and public conversation.

- **Support Allied Movements**

Show up for other justice-based campaigns and build coalitions across issues, sectors, and generations.

How to Get Involved

Find a Hub Near You:

Visit [\[Back from the Brink's Hub Map\]](#) to see existing groups (marked with blue house icons) and email info@preventnuclearwar.org to get connected.

Start a New Hub:

If there's no active Hub in your area, consider starting one! Learn more and submit an interest form or reach out directly to Jeremy Love at jeremy@preventnuclearwar.org.

Back from the Brink Hubs by State

California

Back from the Brink – Fresno

Back from the Brink – Davis/Sacramento

Back from the Brink – Los Angeles/Southern California

San Francisco Bay Area

Connecticut

Back from the Brink – CT

District of Columbia

Back from the Brink – DC

Georgia

Back from the Brink – Atlanta

Illinois

Chicago Area Peace Action

Indiana

Back from the Brink – Bloomington

Maine

Mainers for Ending Nuclear Dangers

Maryland

Prevent Nuclear War Maryland

Massachusetts

Boston (Greater Boston PSR)

Western Massachusetts

Missouri

PeaceWorks Kansas City

Montana

Back from the Brink – Montana

New Hampshire

Back from the Brink – NH

New Jersey

New Jersey Peace Action

New Mexico

Back from the Brink – New Mexico

New York

Back from the Brink – Upstate NY

Oregon

Nuclear Abolition Now

Peace House (Ashland)

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia Area BftB

Texas

Texans Ending Nuclear Dangers (TEND)

Utah

Utah Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

Washington

Washington PSR

Wisconsin

Physicians for Social Responsibility WI