

Doing Justice Being Peace

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Weekly Newsletter



Dear Sisters & Staff ~ Thank you for participating in **Write for Rights 2023** by signing letters from Amnesty International. This year we also celebrate the 75th anniversary of the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights** on Dec. 10, Human Rights Day.

Thank you for continuing to pray for all those highlighted in the letters and case outlines. We remember them, their loved ones, colleagues and all who advocate with them.

Blessings ~ Yolande with Roma



Mountains cover 27% of Earth's land surface. They regulate the global climate and mountain ecosystems host half of the world's biodiversity hotspots. They are also the origin of most river systems which serve as the daily source of freshwater for billions of people worldwide.



December 12 is the *National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples* and the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This day is an opportunity to recognize the pivotal role women-led and Indigenous grassroots organizations bring to peacebuilding and environmental stewardship in the Global South.

The voices of these frontline advocates are vital. Women are spearheading responses to the climate crisis, from enhancing disaster planning to protecting waterways and the rights of nature.

Their influence shapes laws, gender-responsive policies and resilience as climate-induced conflicts increase in the Global South. They empower war survivors and gender-based violence victims to become strong peace advocates and land rights defenders.

Yet, the Canadian government's support falls short of its 2021 Throne Speech promises. Backing the *Feminist International Assistance Policy* is crucial for these groups to effectively combat the climate crisis. **Send your MP a letter via:** kairoscanada.org



*The world doesn't need what women have,
it needs what women are.*

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Think of the women in your life that mentored or inspired you. What unique qualities did they embody? How have these attributes influenced your journey?

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