



## Speak Out For Peace

### Symbols of Peace

A symbol is a picture or image that stands for something and/or represents an idea. Sample symbols of peace include:



**Dove** - The white dove has long been *the* symbol of peace. It thrives on the mutual sharing of aspirations in building a peaceful society, a peaceful world. The dove is visionary, forever looking forward, forever in a flight-motion towards a hopeful future of peace. The true symbol of the white dove of peace is universally understood and recognized by all peoples of the world.



**Peace Sign** - The Peace Action Symbol was designed on February 21, 1958 for use in the first Aldermaston Easter Peace Walk in England. The symbol is the composite semaphore signal for the letters 'N' and 'D' standing for Nuclear Disarmament.



**Peace Sign** - This sign is thought to have begun in Europe during World War II when a V for victory was painted on walls as a symbol of freedom from occupying forces. The sign was very widely used by peace movements in the 1960s and 70s as a symbol of victory for peace and truth.



**Olive Branch** - The olive branch has for thousands of years been used as a sign of peace and goodwill. In early cultivation of the olive it took decades to bear fruit for harvest, and anyone who planted olive groves must be expecting a long and peaceful life. An Olive Branch is clutched in the right talons of the American Eagle in the Great Seal of the United States (right), symbolizing peace.



**Olive Wreath** - The olive wreath, like the one at left taken from the United Nation logo, was the highest award given to a citizen in ancient Greece. The prize was also given to winners at the ancient