



- ◆ Build neighbourhood based groups
- ◆ Reclaim patriotism.
- ◆ Strengthen links between Muslims and non-Muslims.
- ◆ Listen. (Don't just talk.) Listening helps create a miniature public space that is not so constrained by the filters of the mainstream media. It gives people a chance to hear themselves think.
- ◆ Deal with the tension. We may feel overwhelmed at times, and filled with despair. But we should keep perspective. What we are going through doesn't compare to the tension of having a cruise missile pointed at our homes. The tension we have to deal with is manageable.
- ◆ Pay attention to the real causes of terrorism and demand that our governments do likewise.
- ◆ From an anti-war movement, become a global movement for justice. Work for third world justice.
- ◆ Commit yourselves to principles of international co-operation and to the international institutions as instruments for peace.
- ◆ Continue to hold our government to account for its actions. Use opportunities to talk to our political representatives and to vote accordingly.
- ◆ Embark with energy on the task of peace-making.

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## ***Acknowledge Despair, Highlight Progress on Moral Preemption***

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In today's moment of deep anguish over the war, it is important to recognize the reasons for hope and pride, both in the United States and across the globe.

Never in history has there been such an outpouring of resistance from average people all around the world before a war had even begun. Millions took a stand. This doctrine of moral and popular preemption must be sustained.

Countless nations, many of them quite impoverished, listened to the majority voices of their own citizens opposing the war. These governments opted not to take the huge sums offered to support the military effort, but instead chose to heed the sentiments of their citizens. In these contexts, this was a considerable step forward for democracy.

A first step to personal healing is to acknowledge the depth of the devastation that many of us feel. We should not pretend it does not exist.

But, we must also look forward. The energies mobilized recently must not dissipate. They should be channeled and broadened.

This is the beginning, not the end, of heightened vigilance. With war, domestic civil liberties face their greatest threat. We must not squelch the right to protest under the pressures of patriotism.

World attention has in the past months fixated on the desire for a diplomatic and United Nations solution. If we want lasting peace and security in the Middle East, if we want international law to hold any meaning, we must begin to require that UN resolutions are applied uniformly across all countries. We must begin to focus our energies in that direction.

## **Decide to...**

The following is part of one poem in a series of 'poems for a better world' on the theme of 'Decide to...' by Robert Muller <http://robertmuller.org/p01.html#decide>

Decide to network / Use every letter you write / Every conversation you have/ Every meeting you attend  
 To express your fundamental beliefs and dreams / Affirm to others the vision of the world you want  
 Network through thought / Network through action / Network through love / Network through the spirit  
 You are a free, immensely powerful source / of life and goodness / Affirm it / Spread it / Radiate it  
 Think day and night about it /

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 Pray for the leaders of nations / who hold the peace of the world / in their hands  
 Pray God to let our planet at long last / become the Planet of Peace / And sing in unison with all humanity  
**"Let there be peace on earth / and let it begin with me."**