



## VOICES FOR PEACE

To commemorate the **75th** anniversary of the international tragedy of the bombings of **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki** and appeal for the elimination of nuclear weapons, Mothers for Peace is making a “haiku reading” video. A haiku is a Japanese poetry form of 3 lines - 5 syllables in the first line, 7 syllables in the second, 5 syllables in the third.

We invite you to record yourself reading a **haiku** related to the bombings, the horror of nuclear weapons, or appeal for a nuclear-free world. You can do this easily with your smart phone, a camera with video recording capabilities, or a laptop/computer/pad with a camera/video function. Please use whatever feels most comfortable. We would prefer to see you reading the haiku, but if you are not comfortable with that, just your voice is fine.

Here is one example of a Hiroshima-themed haiku:

*Hiroshima Day —  
I believe there must be bones  
Under the paved street*

You can write your own, read your favorite, or we can provide you with a haiku. Alternatively, you could read a very short poem (3-5 lines) of any other style or a sentence or two of your thoughts. If you have artwork or performance art that you would like to share in addition or instead of the haiku, that would also be most welcome. To avoid repetition of the same haiku from different participants, we ask that you email us the haiku you would like to read in advance. We will need the final video clip from you by **July 15**.

We need your help and your submissions to make this video a heartfelt appeal for the elimination of nuclear weapons while honoring the victims: from the hibakusha, survivors of the 1945 bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, to all those affected by nuclear testing and other nuclear arms, including depleted uranium weapons.



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