Quotes by Pope Benedict XV1

- "The beauty of nature reminds us that we were told by God to cultivate and care for this garden that is the earth. If humanity lived in peace with God and each other, the earth would really look like a paradise."
    - July 22, 2007-Appeal for Peace.

- The Church "emphatically rejects war as a means of resolving international disputes, and has often pointed out that it only leads to new and still more complicated conflicts."
    - December 19, 2006-Statement Urging Peaceful Solutions to the Mideast Crisis.

- "War, with the mourning and destruction it brings, has always been rightly considered a calamity that contrasts with God's plan. He created everything for existence and, in particular, wants to make a family of the human race."
    - July 22, 2007-Appeal for Peace.

- "The truth of peace requires that all-whether those governments which openly or secretly possess nuclear arms, or those planning to acquire them-agree to change their course by clear and firm decisions, and strive for a progressive and concerted nuclear disarmament. The resources which would be saved could then be employed in projects of development capable of benefiting all their people, especially the poor."
    - 2006 World Day of Peace.

- "The foundations of authentic peace rest on the truth about God and man."
    - 2006 World Day of Peace.

- "In view of the risks which humanity is facing in our time, all Catholics in every part of the world have a duty to proclaim and embody ever more fully the "Gospel of Peace," and to show that acknowledgement of the full truth of God is the first, indispensable condition for consolidating the truth of peace. God is love which saves, a loving father who wants to see his children look upon one another as brothers and sisters, working responsibly to place their various talents at the service of the common good of human family."
    - 2006 World Day of Peace.

- "There is the great reality of the communion of the universal Church, found among all the peoples, the fabric of Eucharistic communion that transcends the boundaries of culture, civilization, peoples and times. There is this communion, ther are these "islands of peace" in the Body of Christ. They exist. And they are forces of peace in the world. If we look at history, we can see the great saints of charity who have created "oases" of this divine peace in the world, who have always rekindled his light, and were always able to reconcile and create peace. There are the martyrs who have suffered with Christ, have given his witness of peace, of the love that places a limit on violence."
    - Statement of July 23, 2006 on How to be a force for peace in the world.