



Read at the closing of the WILPF Centennial Congress

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Peace is what WILPF strives for,  
Justice is what it breathes,  
Decorated in varieties of women,  
A fight against violence it leads.

Understanding respect and friendship  
Are beliefs that hold us together  
As we try to realize these principles,  
While pushing towards harmony forever.

We believe in working for peace,  
Not in bombs and power,  
Not in weapons and drones,  
That enables us to say  
The pen is mightier than guns.

The world does not want another hell,  
But needs a hope for peace,  
It does not need destructive weapons,  
But a sky full of true doves.  
So, if there are helpless souls,  
Suffering the wrath of violence,  
Hold them and let them know  
That WILPF is their present.

Thank you WILPF  
For spreading the wings of peace,  
For helping us learn to fly,  
For letting women know,  
That they are not weak  
But instead,  
Are powerful to guide the world indeed.