

# The Vocabulary of a Civil Society

**Justice** (n) 1. the principle of moral or ideal rightness; conformity to the law; the abstract principle by which right and wrong are defined. 2. the quality of being just, righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness. 3. the moral principle determining just conduct. 4. conformity to this principle determining just conduct.

**Peace** (n) 1. freedom of the mind from annoyance, distraction, anxiety, an obsession, etc.; tranquility, serenity; calm; 2. the absence of war; 3. the state of mutual harmony between people; 4. the normal freedom from civil commotion and violence of a community, public order and security.

**Kindness** (n) 1. An act of goodwill; state or quality of being kind; 2. a kind act or behavior; 3. friendly feeling, liking.

**Tolerance** (n) 1. a fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward those whose opinions, practices, race religion, nationality, etc., differ from one's own; freedom from bigotry; 2. to recognize and respect the opinions and rights of others; 3. the act or capacity of enduring.

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