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OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II

TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS JOHN PAUL II
TO THE CHILDREN AT THE UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS**

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It was wonderful your singing for peace. It was wonderful for it was for peace. And it was wonderful that you did so in song, for we know a great man, St. Augustine, do you know him? Not so much... St. Augustine was a great doctor of the Church, a great philosopher, a theologian, he said, "qui cantat bis orat" singing is praying twice. So in singing for peace, you are praying twice for peace. But, I should say that not only twice, you are praying three times, for you pray singing, so twice, and you pray as children, and children have a special power over the heart of the Father. So this prayer for peace you sang was very nice and very fruitful. And it will be fruitful, I am convinced. I wrote a letter to the children of the whole world. I asked them to pray for peace, for humanity, for the Church, for peace. And I see that you are doing that in a very good manner, and therefore, I bless you.