

# World Thinking Day

## Diversity Flame Ceremony



**Materials:** six assorted shaped, colored candles (the more mismatched the better, for example; one tall, one short, one multicolored etc.) and a green or white taper candle for every participant.

**Girl Scout in charge** (lights the tall candle in the middle):

“Stars that shine together form a galaxy. Flowers that grow together create a garden. Buildings that stand together begin a city. People who work together make a difference. This is what valuing differences is all about.”

**1st Girl Scout** (lights the first small candle)

“I light this candle in friendship for all of the people who are older or younger, taller or smaller, richer or poorer than I.”

**2nd Girl Scout** (lights the second small candle)

“I light this candle in friendship for all people who worship differently than I.”

**3rd Girl Scout** (lights the third small candle)

“I light this candle in friendship for all people of a different nationality or ethnicity than I.”

**4th Girl Scout** (lights the fourth small candle)

“I light this candle in friendship for all people who are of a different color than I.”

**5th Girl Scout** (lights the fifth small candle)

“I light this candle in friendship for all people who come from other countries than I.”

**6th Girl Scout** (lights the sixth small candle)

“I light this candle in friendship for all people who don’t run, walk, see, hear, or learn the same as I.”

**Girl Scout in charge** (lights her green taper from the tall middle candle and says)

“I light this candle for me, for I am unique and special.” She then walks to the beginning of the horseshoe and the first girl lights her candle from the GS in charge and recites the line. The second girl lights her candle and recites, and so forth around the horseshoe.

“Watch the flames closely please. Notice the light from each candle is the same as the others even though the outside of each is different. So, too, are all of us in the world. We wear different clothes, speak different languages, follow different religions or beliefs, like different foods, sing different songs. And yet, we all belong to the same human race. Inside we are all the same. We all wish to be recognized, to be called by name, and to be loved. We wish for friends, and for peace. In the spirit of international understanding, we pledge ourselves to world friendship. (pause for reflection) In the spirit of international understanding, we pledge ourselves to peacemaking. (pause for reflection) In the spirit of international understanding, we pledge ourselves to accept the challenge to look wider still.” (pause for reflection) As a great scout once said, “Look wide! And when you think you are looking wide, look wider still.” All Girl Scouts please raise your hand and recite the Girl Scout Promise



# Focus Countries



## World Thinking Day 2012



**For World Thinking Day 2012, five focus countries have been identified by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. The countries are Guyana, Ivory Coast, Japan, Russia and Tunisia.**

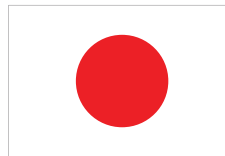


### Tunisia

Located in the northern most country of Africa in the Arab Region. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting was introduced in 1934. There are 7,336 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. One of Tunisia's main environmental challenges is a lack of fresh water sources.

#### Promise:

I promise to do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
To help others, and  
To follow the Guide Law



### Japan

Located in the Pacific Ocean of the Asia Pacific Region. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting was introduced in 1919. Japan is a founding member of WAGGGS. There are 43,159 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Fish makes up a big part of the Japanese diet. In 2000 Japan had the third highest catches of fish in the world.

#### Tenderfoot Girl Scout Promise:

I am a Girl Scout  
I look and listen carefully,  
and be friendly to everyone

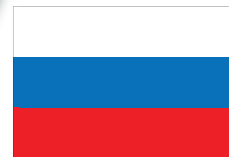


### Guyana

Located by the Northern Coast of South America in the Western Hemisphere Region. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting was introduced in 1922. There are 1,809 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Guyana is home to one of the world's last intact tropical rainforests, which covers almost 90 per cent of the country, and is unique and very diverse.

#### Girl Scout Promise:

I promise that I will do my best  
To do my duty to God  
To serve my country and help other people,  
and To keep the Guide Law



### Russia

Located in the Europe Region. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting was introduced in 1919. There are 1,997 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Nuclear reactors are a major source of energy in Russia, and there are over 30 in operation.

#### Girl Scout Promise:

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best  
To serve my country  
To strive for spiritual perfection  
To help those who need my help, and  
To live by the Girl Scout Law



### Ivory Coast

Located in West Africa in the Africa Region. Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting was introduced in 1937. There are 1,900 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. Ivory Coast has lost nearly a third of its forests over the last half century. The diverse tropical rainforests in the country's south have mostly been replaced by coffee, cocoa and palm plantations.

#### Girl Scout Promise:

On my honour, with the grace of God, I undertake  
To do my best to serve God, the Church and my country  
To help others in all circumstances and  
To obey the Guide Law

**To learn more about these countries go to [www.worldthingingday.org](http://www.worldthingingday.org)**