



# Call Tales for Peace

#WindsOfGrace

**The Pedro José Márquez, S.J. Library at Instituto Lux invites you to participate in the Tales for Peace 2025 initiative. #WindsOfGrace**

We invite you to write about gratuity, recognizing that the gifts and blessings we have received come from God's unconditional love. When we share these gifts, we can change the world.

## Eligibility

To participate, you must be a student, teacher, or staff member of a Jesuit school anywhere in the world.

## Ways to Participate

You can participate in one of the following ways, with submissions accepted in Spanish, English, or French:

### 1.- Story

- Individual Story: Written by one person.
- Team Story: Written by a group of two to five people.
- Collective Story: Written by an entire class, often with a teacher's guidance.
- Stories will be classified based on the authors' grade levels.

### 2.- Poem

- Individual poems only.

### 3.- Essay

- Individual essays only.

**Important:** Submissions must be original works. Texts created with AI tools will not be accepted.

### Submission Period:

From Monday, **December 2, 2024, to Monday, April 28, 2025.**

### Selection and Recognition

The selection process will be managed by committees dedicated to each category. The jury will include teachers, parents, students, and alumni from the Jesuit educational community. Selected texts will also be reviewed using AI tools to detect plagiarism.

Selected authors will be recognized, and their works will be published in the twelfth electronic anthology, Tales for Peace 2025.

Our primary objective is to foster a love for writing and to share these creations, so no prizes will be awarded.

This anthology will be shared globally with the Jesuit educational community via Educate Magis and FLACSI.

## How to Participate

### Step 1: Get Inspired

Here are five activities to inspire your reflection on gratuity:

1. Take a walk and appreciate life's simple joys, like the warmth of the sun or birdsong, and express gratitude for them.
2. Help someone in need, such as a friend, parent, or grandparent.
3. Write a gratitude letter to someone who has made a difference in your life—a friend who supported you, someone who makes you laugh, or someone who knows you well.
4. Keep a journal for a week, listing reasons you are grateful for who you are.
5. Pray Take, Lord Receive by St. Ignatius of Loyola and reflect on the blessings God has given you.

### Step 2: Reflect

Grasping the idea that the blessings we've received are gifts given freely is essential to understanding how fortunate we are to share them.

Answer one of the following questions:

**a) What blessings have you received? Who gave them to you? How can you express gratitude for them?**

**b) If you had to explain gratuity to someone, how would you do it?**

### Step 3: Create

Let your imagination soar and write a story, poem, or essay that answers one of the questions above.

### Step 4: Review Your Text

Ensure your text meets these requirements:

#### Story

- Has a title.
- Includes a clear introduction, middle, and end.
- Develops story elements (characters, time, actions, and setting) clearly and creatively.
- Maximum length: 2 pages or 1,000 words.

#### Poem

- Has a title.
- Can be written freely, with no restrictions on rhyme, stanzas, or meter.
- Length: 5–20 verses.

#### Essay (for Secondary and High School students)

- Has a title.
- Clearly reflects a thesis and your opinion.
- Maximum length: 2 pages or 1,000 words.

### Step 5: Format Your Text

Format your text as follows:

- Font: Arial, 12 pt
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Save as a PDF file
- Check spelling and grammar carefully

### Step 6: Submit Your Text

Visit this link <https://acortar.link/woi6Th> and complete the form in the "Send Your Text!" section. Upload your file directly through the platform.

We look forward to your contributions and the stories of peace, gratuity, and love you will share.

