

2022 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Children's Category – Honorable Mention]

We Belong to One Family!

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My family is a regular family. Nothing special about it. I have a Mom, a Dad and a younger brother, Romeo. My Dad would always say that Romeo and I should always help each other. I like that in an instant. It was good advice for me because Romeo and I have become close friends, too. I made so many friends as well with that advice. City or countries need to help each other, too. I think the world needs to listen to my Dad's advice. It was good. Nations around the world need to help each other because if we don't look out to help each other, we will have war.

I think life is the most important for me. I learned that because I lost my pets to death. I used to have two goldfish. Then, I found my two fish floating in the aquarium. They were dead! I was very sad and I cried. I buried them and made a tomb for them. I still miss them up to now. I realized the importance of life after their death. Now, there is war between Russia and Ukraine. Everyday, many people lose their lives at war. When I think about the feelings of people who lost important family members, I become so sad. I think it's hard to lose people who died at war. Think about fathers who had to leave their family to fight in the war, or Mothers who lost their husbands will now have to work in a faraway place to support their children. Think about children who lost their parents at a young age. These children don't have many things. I think war is bad for every country! Nobody really wins at war. We count the dead bodies but we don't see the dreams we lost, the families we crushed and the very sad survivors who will have to work hard so they can have just enough food. War will kill people and it keeps on killing even if it stops. In war, nobody wins. We all lose! Life is precious. Maybe you don't think so but for people who love you, you are precious.

I went to Niigata jinja and people there gave me and my brother, Romeo a lot of things.

They gave a drink for me and Romeo, too. The people of Niigata are always generous. Niigata people are kind to me and they teach me some values. Someday, I want to live in a place like Niigata because I can learn how to become nicer. Maybe the world should learn from Niigata! They feel what the others are feeling and they move to action. It's a great feeling to be seen and felt by others. It's great to feel that you are not alone.

We need to stop this war fast. Everybody deserves a family, everybody has a right to live in peace. Life is precious. Maybe you don't think so, but if you die, people who love you will surely miss you.