

## **Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew: An essential facet of religion is peacemaking**



The Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, His All Holiness Bartholomew I, this week made clear references to the role that the Orthodox Church should play in the prevalence of peace, speaking during his address at a forum for the promotion of common values among followers of religions, which is taking place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

The Ecumenical Patriarch underlined, among others, that an essential facet of religion is peacemaking.

He added: "...In our times, the credibility of religions largely depends on their commitment to peace. Peace does not result automatically from economic and cultural development, from the progress of science and technology, or from high living standards. The Orthodox Church considers its duty to encourage all who genuinely serve the cause of peace and pave the way to justice, fraternity, true freedom, and mutual love among...all peoples who make up the one human family."