

Hello dear neighbor,

I'm Sofia, a young student and a supporter of justice. I'm an optimist by nature, and have an optimistic view on life and most situations.

You know, at first I thought it would be very difficult to write a letter to you. I thought I'd get very emotional, would go back and remember old stories and there would be tension. I thought I should find the right words and calm my mind, so you could feel the breath of peace while reading my letter. But as I'm writing now, I realize that there is no tension or pain, only a feeling of peace. I've even bought a new pen to write with more pleasure. I'd like you to share your feelings and personality traits, too.

My first memories come from my dad who told me that we had disturbances, that the borders were closed and we couldn't communicate freely. He told me about the fights in Yeraskh without any sign of hatred or a bad attitude but on the contrary, he would say it wasn't hatred that made him go to the fights on the border. People don't go to war because they hate, they go to war as it's a form of self-defense provoked by the authorities.

Many people I know as well as my family say that they used to live in the same village side by side, go to the same school, have good friends, good relations.

Probably, the third person is POLITICS who hinders the opening of the border and peacemaking between the two countries. I feel we have a great mission in this life. We should unite around the same idea and make our own symbol of peace. Let's prove to the world that nothing is impossible. We just need the desire and will and an ability to listen.

I hope you don't want this situation to continue either, so 20 years later in front of the TV you don't hear the news of escalation on the border. We should be the initiators to change the course of this procrastinated issue and influence political decision-making.

I believe our small steps of writing these letters matter in the peace-building process.

This much, I think. I've written the letter with utmost sincerity and without any subtexts. I'll wait for yours with love and impatience.

Thank you for consideration.

Best regards,

Sofia