

# A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

**MAY THE PEACE OF THE LORD** be always with you. This statement, an ancient Christian blessing, points us to Jesus as our source of peace. Let's pray for the Holy Spirit's gift of peace to be poured out in our lives, our communities and our world.

01

When Jesus left his disciples to go to the cross, he told them: "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33, ESV). Lean into this verse as you pray today.

02

In what way(s) are you experiencing a lack of inward peace? Lay those burdens at the feet of Christ, who promised, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28, NIV).

03

Identify a specific situation in your family, community, church, workplace or the world where peace is lacking. Pray over that situation today, confident in the God who brings peace.

04

When you have an anxious moment today, turn it into a prayer, as in Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV): "Do not be anxious ... but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God ... will guard your hearts and your minds."

05

Scripture teaches us that the coming kingdom of God is a kingdom of peace among all nations. Pray for the "healing of the nations," promised in Revelation 22:2 (NIV).

06

Return to Philippians 4:6, where it links peace to the practice of thanksgiving in prayer. What are you thankful for or hopeful about today? Praise God for those things!

07

How has God spoken to you this week about peace? Is the Lord calling you to act as a peacemaker or to give up something in your life that isn't increasing inner or outer peace? How can you stay more connected to the peace only Christ can give?



*Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

—PSALM 34:14, NIV

