

Opening verse

John 14:27

*Jesus said: “**Peace** I leave with you; **my peace** I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”*

Reflection

The world is not a very peaceful place, with wars in many places. As I write this, there is war between Israel and Iran, and we fear what the outcome may be. All we can do about this is to pray. There are often things in our own lives that make us anxious, whether health or finances or relationships. After Jesus’ resurrection, when He appeared to His disciples, they were scared at first, but Jesus said:
*‘Peace I leave with you.
Don’t be troubled or afraid’.*

Confession

We confess that we worry about many things instead of trusting You.

Forgive us for our doubts and fears, and strengthen our faith to believe Your promises. Help me to cast my anxieties upon You and to trust in Your perfect peace.

Give peace to our hearts and assure us of Your love and forgiveness. Amen

Bible verses

John 20: 19; 21; 26

*On the evening of the first day of the week,
when the disciples were together, with the doors
locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came
and stood among them and said,
‘Peace be with you!’*

*Again Jesus said, **‘Peace be with you!’**
A week later His disciples were in the house....
Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and
stood among them and said,
‘Peace be with you!’*

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your gift of peace. Help me to receive Your peace and live it each day. In times of trouble, teach me to look to You and Your peace. May my heart not be troubled, nor my fears overtake me because of the wonderful gift of Your overwhelming peace.

Hymn

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

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Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*
Thomas Chisholm (1866-1960)

Bible verses

Galatians 5:22-23

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**,
patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control.*

Hymn

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love.
Where there is injury Your pardon, Lord,
And where there’s doubt, true faith in You.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)

Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are the Prince of peace.
Please free our world from conflict.
Bring unity to troubled nations.
Give wisdom to world leaders.
Free them from selfish ambition
Let Your peace reign in every heart.
Dispel all darkness and evil.
Replace hatred with Your love.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Bible verses

Philippians 4:6-7

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every
situation, by prayer and petition, with
thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
And the **peace of God**, which passes all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.



Peace

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