

Hymn

Make me a channel of Your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;
where there is injury, Your healing power,
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.

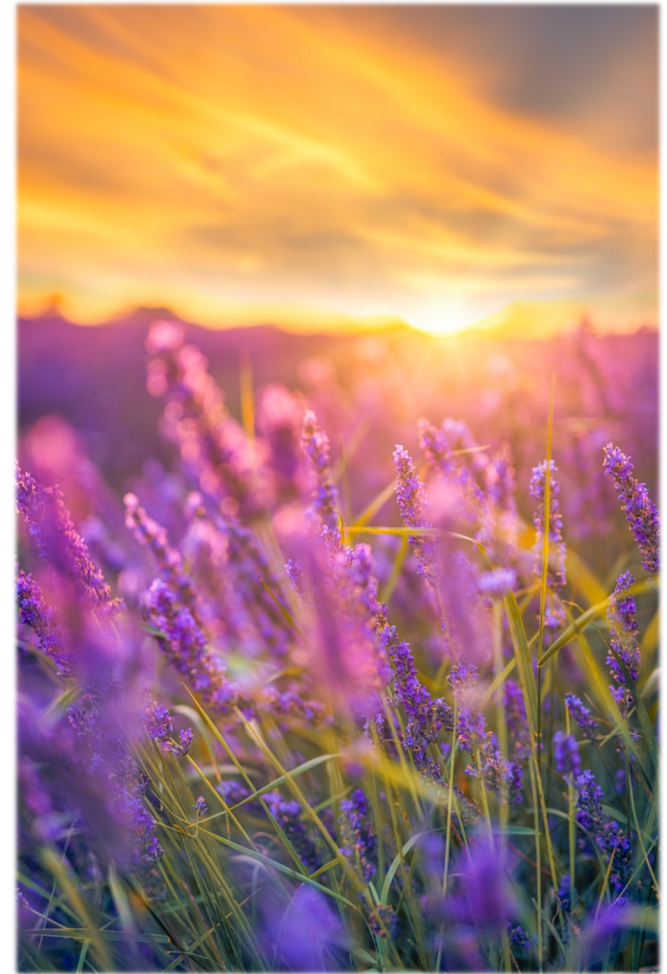
O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Blessing

May the peace of God, which transcends all
understanding, guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



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Jesus said 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

*Do not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid'. John 14:27*

Reflection

We all seek peace, whether wanting a little 'peace and quiet' or longing for world peace. Every day the headlines remind us of wars and unrest across the globe and there is unrest in our communities. The world promises peace through ceasefires and treaties, and these are often fragile and temporary. But, in the midst of all this turmoil, Jesus offers us a peace that passes understanding (*Philippians 4:7*) that is based on the peace that we can have with God.

A Prayer for peace in the world

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule. Amen

The words of this hymn are based Isaiah 26:3
*'Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose
mind is stayed on thee'.*

Hymn

Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.

Peace, perfect peace,
by thronging duties pressed?
To do the will of Jesus - this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace,
with sorrows surging round?
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.

Prayer

O GOD, from whom all holy desires,
all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
Give unto Thy servants that peace
which the world cannot give;
that our hearts may be set to obey Thy
commandments, and also that by Thee, we,
being defended from the fear of our enemies,
may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Hymn

Horatio G. Spafford wrote a hymn about God's
peace in 1873 after the tragic death of his
daughters at sea. This is the first verse.

When peace like a river, attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well, with my soul

Some Bible verse about the peace that God brings to us

*May the Lord of peace Himself
give you peace at all times and in every way.*
2 Thessalonians 3:16

*In peace I will lie down and sleep, for You alone,
LORD, make me dwell in safety.*
Psalm 4:8

*Since we have been justified through faith,
we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
Romans 5:1

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body
you were called to peace. And be thankful.*
Colossians 3:15

Prayer

Jesus Christ,
You give peace in the storms and conflicts of life,
You are the source of calm amidst
our troubles and anxieties.
Come to us now and bring us Your peace. Amen

Jesus said *'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they
shall be called sons of God'.* (Matthew 5:9).
So we sing a hymn that asks that we might bring
peace to others.