

The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking, 2015-2016

A daily lectionary bearing witness to God's gift of peace and Christ's call to live as peacemakers



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PEACE IN JESUS CHRIST

October 4– Romans 12:1-8
October 5– Isaiah 2:2-4
October 6– 1 John 4:7-12
October 7– Romans 11:13-24
October 8– Colossians 3:1-11
October 9– Psalms 33
October 10– 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

PEACE IN GOD THE CREATOR

October 11– Micah 4:1-4
October 12– Hosea 2:16-23
October 13– Luke 22:47-51
October 14– Amos 9:13-15
October 15– James 4:1-10
October 16– Isaiah 66:18-23
October 17– Zechariah 9:9-10

PEACE IN HOLY SPIRIT

October 18– Genesis 1:26-31
October 19– Ezekiel 34:25-31
October 20– Exodus 20:8-17
October 21– Romans 1:16-23
October 22– Isaiah 45:5-18
October 23– Genesis 9:8-17
October 24– Isaiah 42:5-12

PEACE IN HARMONIOUS CREATION

October 25– Colossians 1:15-53
October 26– Acts 17:24-31
October 27– Isaiah 56:3-8
October 28– Jeremiah 31:7-14
October 29– Isaiah 53:7-12
October 30– Isaiah 49:6-13
October 31– Acts 10:44-48

PEACE IN CHRISTIAN UNITY

November 1– Ezekiel 7:23-27
November 2– Matthew 21:33-46
November 3– Isaiah 33:7-9
November 4– Luke 13:31-35
November 5– Isaiah 30:8-14
November 6– Genesis 4:1-16
November 7– Malachi 2:1-12

PEACE AMONG THE NATIONS

November 8– Luke 14:7-11
November 9– 1 Samuel 2:1-10
November 10– Genesis 11:1-9
November 11– Isaiah 14:12-20
November 12– Luke 18:9-14
November 13– Jonah 3:1-4:11
November 14– Psalm 100

PEACE IN ETERNITY

November 15– Romans 15:1-13
November 16– 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
November 17– Philippians 1:3-11
November 18– 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
November 19– 3 John
November 20– 1 Peter 4:8-11
November 21– Romans 14:13-23

PEACE IN GOD'S BLESSINGS

November 22– Psalm 19
November 23– Philippians 4:4-7
November 24– Psalm 86:8-13
November 25– Psalm 95
November 26– Mark 14:22-25
November 27– Psalm 111
November 28– Jonah 2:1-10

EXPECTING PEACE

November 29– Mark 1:1-8
November 30– Isaiah 63:7-9
December 1– Romans 3:21-26
December 2– Mark 5:1-20
December 3– Isaiah 65:17-25
December 4– Psalm 62
December 5– John 3:14-21

EXPECTING JUSTICE

December 6– Isaiah 35:1-10
December 7– Luke 1:26-38
December 8– Luke 1:39-56
December 9– John 11:1-44
December 10– Micah 5:2-4
December 11– Isaiah 40:1-5
December 12– Romans 5:1-11

EXPECTING DELIVERANCE

December 13– Luke 16:19-31
December 14– Isaiah 11:1-9
December 15– John 4:7-26
December 16– Isaiah 42:1-4
December 17– Psalm 12
December 18– John 13:1-16
December 19– Jeremiah 33:14-16

EXPECTING THE PRINCE OF PEACE

December 20– Matthew 1:18-25
December 21– Jeremiah 31:31-34
December 22– Luke 1:57-80
December 23– Isaiah 9:2-7
December 24– Luke 2:1-7
December 25– Luke 2:8-20
December 26– Luke 2:22-40

THE CHRISTMAS PEACE

December 27– Matthew 10:40 – 11:1
December 28– 1 John 3:19-24
December 29– Mark 6:30-44
December 30 – Matthew 14:22-33
December 31– Luke 8:40-56
January 1– John 20:19-23
January 2– Galatians 3:23-29

PEACE FOR ALL PEOPLE

January 3 – John 1:1-18
January 4– Ephesians 1:3-10
January 5– Hebrews 1:1-4
January 6– Matthews 2:1-12
January 7– Isaiah 61:1-4
January 8 – Romans 8:1-11
January 9– Revelation 11:15-18

PEACE: KNOWING OUR SECURITY

January 10– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
January 11– Psalm 96
January 12– Revelation 21:1-5
January 13– Romans 8:18-25
January 14– Isaiah 61:8 - 62:2
January 15– 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
January 16– Isaiah 43:15-25

PEACE: RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

January 17– Matthew 25:31-46
January 18– Romans 13:11-14
January 19– 1 John 1:1-10
January 20– 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
January 21– Hebrews 13:1-6
January 22– Romans 12:1-2, 9-21
January 23– Ephesians 4:1-7

PEACE: RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

January 24– Psalm 133
January 25– John 8:12
January 26– Zechariah 8:16-17
January 27– Philippines 2:1-11
January 28– Matthew 18:15-22
January 29– Ezekiel 37:24-28
January 30– Joel 2:28-29

PEACE: LIVING IN BEAUTY

January 31– Luke 12:22-31
February 1– Jeremiah 1:4-10
February 2– Psalm 63
February 3– Luke 17:20-21
February 4– Matthew 10:34-39
February 5– Psalm 84
February 6– Ephesians 6:10-20

LIVING IN TRUTH

February 7– Micah 6:6-8
February 8– Matthew 5:17-20
February 9– 1 John 3:11-18
February 10– Ezekiel 34:17-24
February 11– Isaiah 1:12-17
February 12– Matthew 19:16-22
February 13– James 1:19-27

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH HEALING

February 14 – Luke 15:1-7
February 15– Micah 7:18-20
February 16– Luke 7:36-50
February 17 – Mark 2:1-12
February 18– Jeremiah 29:10-14
February 19– Zephaniah 3:14-20
February 20– Psalm 130

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH TEACHING

February 21– John 14:25-31
February 22– Psalm 27
February 23– Matthew 4:1-11
February 24– Psalm 121
February 25– John 16:16-33
February 26– Matthew 11:28-30
February 27– Luke 12:4-7

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH RESTING

February 28– Matthew 7:7-12
February 29– Genesis 12:1-5
March 1– Isaiah 55:6-13
March 2– Jeremiah 17:5-8
March 3– Isaiah 26:1-9
March 4– Psalm 89:1-18
March 5– Daniel 6:25-28

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH GOVERNING

March 6– Luke 12:13-21
March 7– Jeremiah 8:8-13
March 8– Habakkuk 2:1-17
March 9– Matthew 20:20-28
March 10– Amos 5:10-13
March 11– Ezekiel 22:23-31
March 12– Jeremiah 5:21-29

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH SUFFERING

March 13– John 15:9-11
March 14– 2 Peter 1:3-11
March 15– Mark 12:28-34
March 16– Galatians 5:13-15
March 17– 1 Peter 1:22-25
March 18– John 13:33-35
March 19– Isaiah 54:9-10

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH SHARING

March 20– Deuteronomy 8:11-20
March 21– Psalm 34
March 22– 1 Peter 5:1-11
March 23– Proverbs 9:10-11
March 24 – Jeremiah 7:16-26
March 25– Genesis 3:1-21
March 26– Psalm 139

THE EASTER PEACE

March 27– Luke 19:28-42
March 28– Ephesians 4:11-16
March 29– Mark 14:12-25
March 30– John 17:1-5
March 31– John 18:33-38
April 1– Hebrews 10:14-18
April 2– Isaiah 53:1-6

PEACEMAKING: THROUGH BAPTISM

April 3– Leviticus 19:9-18
April 4– Isaiah 3:13-15
April 5– 2 Samuel 12:1-15
April 6– Psalm 82
April 7 – Amos 5:1-7
April 8– Isaiah 59:1-19
April 9– Ezekiel 18:5-9

PEACE AS TRUST

April 10– Mark 16:1-8
April 11– Romans 6:1-11
April 12– Luke 15:8-10
April 13– Hebrews 12:1-2
April 14– 1 Corinthians 15:3-11
April 15– 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
April 16– 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

PEACE AS JOY

April 17– Matthew 6:25-34
April 18– 1 Peter 2:9-10
April 19– 2 Peter 3:8-18
April 20– Nahum 1:12-15
April 21– Exodus 1:15-21
April 22 – Revelation 3:15-22
April 23 – Isaiah 62:10-12

PEACE AS PATIENCE

April 24– Romans 8:31-39
April 25– Psalm 90
April 26– John 15:12-17
April 27 – Ephesians 1:15-23
April 28– Isaiah 40:9-11
April 29– 1 John 3:1-3
April 30– Jeremiah 33:1-9

PEACE AS GENEROSITY

May 1– Isaiah 52:7-12
May 2– Psalm 40:1-10
May 3– 2 Timothy 4:1-5
May 4– Luke 9:59-62
May 5– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
May 6– Acts 2:40-42
May 7– Isaiah 6:1-8

PEACE AS HUMILITY

May 8– John 14:15-24
May 9– Psalm 85
May 10– Luke 16:10-13
May 11– 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
May 12– 1 John 4:13-21
May 13– Psalm 103:1-5
May 14– 1 Timothy 6:11-16

THE SPIRIT OF PEACE

May 15– Jeremiah 29:4-7
May 16– Luke 14:12-14
May 17– Matthew 15:10-20
May 18– Mark 6:1-6
May 19– Hebrews 12:12-17
May 20– 2 Kings 22:14- 23:3
May 21– Luke 6:32-36

RESURRECTION IN DAILY LIFE

May 22– Psalm 148
May 23– Isaiah 40:18-26
May 24– Revelation 4:1-8
May 25– Isaiah 12:1-6
May 26– Daniel 4:1-3
May 27– Isaiah 25:1-5
May 28– Psalm 98

PEACEMAKING IN THE COMMUNITY

May 29– Acts 2:1-21
May 30– Matthew 3:11-12
May 31– Acts 2:22-39
June 1– Hebrew 1:5-14
June 2– Acts 2:40-47
June 3– Matthew 12:15-21
June 4– Acts 9:1-19

PEACEMAKING IN THE CHURCH

June 5– Luke 8:1-3
June 6– Philemon
June 7– Romans 16:1-16
June 8– Acts 11:1-18
June 9– Acts 11:19-30
June 10– 1 Corinthians 12:27-30
June 11 – Philippians 4:2-3

PEACEMAKING IN THE MARKETPLACE

June 12– Luke 17:11-19
June 13– Mark 8:22-26
June 14– Luke 6:17-19
June 15 – Mark 1:21-28
June 16– Mark 6:53-56
June 17– Matthew 4:23-25
June 18– Matthew 9:35 – 10:1

PEACEMAKING IN THE NATION

June 19– Psalm 46
June 20– Isaiah 40:27-31
June 21– Mark 4:35-41
June 22– Psalm 18:1-19
June 23 – Isaiah 57:11-21
June 24– Psalm 2
June 25 – Psalm 91

PEACEMAKING WITH CHILDREN

June 26– Luke 12:32-34
June 27– Jeremiah 14:13-16
June 28– Deuteronomy 7:6-11
June 29– Isaiah 31:1-3
June 30– Ezekiel 13:8-16
July 1– Matthew 3:7-10
July 2– Luke 3:1-14

PEACEMAKING WITH THE HOMELESS

July 3– Amos 5:21-24
July 4– Luke 4:14-21
July 5– Micah 2:1-5
July 6– Amos 6:4-7
July 7– Jeremiah 7:1-7
July 8– Deuteronomy 16:18-20
July 9– Micah 3:5-12

PEACEMAKING IN ONE'S OWN LIFE

July 10– Luke 10:1-12
 July 11– Mark 13:3-13
 July 12– Mark 8:34 – 9:1
 July 13– Matthew 8:18-22
 July 14– Acts 26:1-32
 July 15– 2 Corinthians 11:24-33
 July 16 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

PEACEMAKING IN THE FAMILY

July 17– Isaiah 26:7-12
 July 18– Amos 5:14-15
 July 19– James 3:13-18
 July 20– Isaiah 32:1-8
 July 21– Proverbs 16:7-8
 July 22– Isaiah 33:5-6
 July 23– Psalm 106:1-3

PEACEMAKING WITH OTHER CULTURES

July 24– Matthew 5:3-12
 July 25– Matthew 5:21-22
 July 26– Matthew 5:38-42
 July 27– Matthew 5:43-48
 July 28– Matthew 7:1-5
 July 29– Matthew 10:26-33
 July 30– Luke 6:37-38

PEACE FROM PRAYER

July 31– Luke 7:1-10
 August 1– Philippians 3:1-11
 August 2– Matthew 15:21-28
 August 3– 1 Peter 1:3-9
 August 4– Matthew 9:18-31
 August 5– Ephesians 3:14-21
 August 6– James 1:2-6

PEACE FROM GOD'S WORD

August 7– Psalm 37:1-7
 August 8– John 14:1-3
 August 9– Proverbs 3:1-8
 August 10– Psalm 42
 August 11– Joshua 22:1-6
 August 12– 1 Kings 8:56-61
 August 13– Psalm 4

PEACE FROM GOD'S GRACE

August 14– Acts 15:1-35
 August 15– Matthew 5:21-24
 August 16– Proverbs 24:28-29
 August 17– Luke 6:29-30
 August 18– Proverbs 19:11
 August 19– Galatians 6:1-5
 August 20– Luke 6:27-28

PEACEMAKING WITH THE STRANGER

August 21– Mark 10:13-16
 August 22– 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
 August 23– Genesis 45:1-15
 August 24– Luke 10:38-42
 August 25– Ruth 1:1-18
 August 26– 1 Corinthians 13
 August 27– Galatians 5:22-26

PEACEMAKING WITH GOD'S CREATION

August 28– Luke 15:11-32
 August 29– 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
 August 30– Exodus 6:1-7
 August 31– Psalms 51:10-14
 September 1– Hebrews 13:20-21
 September 2– Romans 8:12-17
 September 3– Genesis 50:15-21

PEACE SONGS

September 4– Matthew 7:24-27
 September 5– Acts 10:34-43
 September 6– Deuteronomy 6:1-9
 September 7– Isaiah 55:1-5
 September 8– Deuteronomy 10:12-22
 September 9– Joshua 1:7-9
 September 10– Isaiah 59:20-21

PEACE GREETINGS

September 11– Luke 10:25-37
 September 12– Deuteronomy 6:20-25
 September 13– James 2:14-26
 September 14– Matthew 28:16-20
 September 15– Isaiah 48:17-19
 September 16– 1 Corinthians 12:4-12
 September 17– Mark 6:7-13

PEACE BLESSINGS

September 18– 1 John 2:7-11
 September 19– Mark 2:13-17
 September 20– James 4:11-12
 September 21– Romans 2:1-11
 September 22– Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2
 September 23– Amos 8:4-8
 September 24– Romans 13:8-10

PEACE BENEDICTIONS

September 25– Ephesians 2:12-22
 September 26– 1 Corinthians 12:14-16
 September 27– 1 Peter 3:8-12
 September 28– Psalm 67
 September 29– Colossians 3:12-17
 September 30– Romans 3:12-17
 October 1– James 3:27-31

Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ God restores our relationship and offers us the gift of grace. We experience God's grace as peace. God's peace restores, sustains and heals. In response to this good news, Christians go into the world to proclaim and become part of God's peace giving as peacemakers. As each passage is read, consider the following questions:

- † What does this passage say about God's gift of peace?
- † What does this passage say about our calling as a peacemaker?
- † What is God inviting me to do or be or change through this passage?

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This resource may be used in private and group devotions, worship, or private and group Bible study.

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