

The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking, 2017-18

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



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THE WORD OF CREATION

October 1– Genesis 1:1-3
October 2– Job 38:1-4
October 3– Jeremiah 10:12-16
October 4– Psalm 134
October 5– John 1:1-5
October 6– Colossians 1:15-20
October 7– Revelation 1:8-20

CREATION PRAISES GOD

October 8– Leviticus 2:1-3
October 9– Job 38:4-11
October 10– Jeremiah 31:1-9
October 11– Psalm 148
October 12– John 1:6-9
October 13– Romans 11:33-36
October 14– Revelation 4:1-8

THE MAJESTY OF GOD IN CREATION

October 15– Genesis 2:1-4
October 16– Job 38:12-18
October 17– Jeremiah 51:15-19
October 18– Psalm 104
October 19– John 1:10-14
October 20– Romans 16:25-27
October 21– Revelation 4:9-11

HARMONY IN CREATION

October 22– Genesis 1:4-31
October 23– Job 38:19-38
October 24– Jeremiah 5:20-25
October 25– Psalm 19
October 26– John 1:15-18
October 27– Colossians 3:5-11
October 28– Revelation 5:1-6

CREATION SUSTAINS ALL LIFE

October 29– Genesis 2:4b-17
October 30– Job 38:39-41
October 31– Jeremiah 31:23-26
November 1– Psalm 8
November 2– John 2:1-11
November 3– Ephesians 1:8b-12
November 4– Revelation 5:7-14

CREATION THREATENED

November 5– Genesis 3:1-7
November 6– Exodus 7:14-24
November 7– Jeremiah 4:23-28
November 8– Psalm 1
November 9– John 3:1-8
November 10– Romans 8:14-25
November 11– Revelation 6:1-8

CREATION GROANS

November 12– Genesis 3:8-24
November 13– Exodus 10:8-15
November 14– Jeremiah 2:4-13
November 15– Psalm 75
November 16– John 3:9-12
November 17– Romans 8:18-25
November 18– Revelation 6:9-17

CREATION RENEWED

November 19– Genesis 8:15-22
November 20– Leviticus 25:1-7
November 21– Jeremiah 31:31-37
November 22– Psalm 126
November 23– John 3:13-21
November 24– Romans 8:31-39
November 25– Revelation 21:1-4

HOPE FOR THE LAND

November 26– Genesis 8:1-14
November 27– Leviticus 25:18-28
November 28– Jeremiah 14:1-13
November 29– Psalm 65
November 30– John 4:31-38
December 1– James 5:7-11
December 2– Revelation 22:1-2

SHARING THE EARTH WITH OTHER CREATURES

December 3– Genesis 9:8-17
December 4– Exodus 23:4-5
December 5– Hosea 2:14-23
December 6– Psalm 145
December 7– John 2:13-22
December 8– James 3:1-12
December 9– Revelation 22:6-10

CREATION IS FOR COMMUNITY

December 10– Genesis 11:1-9
December 11– Leviticus 25:35-38
December 12– Isaiah 56:1-8
December 13– Psalm 100
December 14– John 4:1-15
December 15– James 3:13-18
December 16– Revelation 22:3-5

OUR ETERNAL HOPE: A NEW CREATION

December 17– Genesis 15:1-6
December 18– Leviticus 25:8-12
December 19– Isaiah 65:17-25
December 20– Psalm 93
December 21– John 4:43-54
December 22– 1 Peter 1:1-5
December 23– Revelation 21:22-27

THE LORD OF CREATION COMES

December 24– Isaiah 9:2-7
December 25– Leviticus 26:3-6
December 26 – Isaiah 51:12-16
December 27 – Psalm 24
December 28 – John 6:16-21
December 29 – 1 Peter 1:8-12
December 30 – Revelation 22:16-21

THE LIFE OF CREATION SHINES

December 31 – Genesis 15:7-18
January 1– Leviticus 24:1-4
January 2– Isaiah 60:1-18
January 3– Psalm 97
January 4– John 8:12-20
January 5– 2 Peter 1:16-19
January 6– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

LET THE HUNGRY BE FED

January 7– Genesis 21:9-21
January 8– Leviticus 26:10-11
January 9– Isaiah 49:8-13
January 10– Psalm 111
January 11– John 6:1-15
January 12– 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
January 13– 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

LET JUSTICE ROLL LIKE WATERS

January 14– Genesis 26:16-25
January 15– Leviticus 26:12-13
January 16– Amos 5:21-24
January 17– Psalm 10
January 18– John 7:37-39
January 19– 1 Corinthians 6:1-6
January 20– 2 Corinthians 5:5-11

LET THE POOR HEAR GOOD NEWS

January 21– Genesis 28:10-22
January 22– Leviticus 14:21-32
January 23– Amos 5:10-15
January 24– Psalm 72
January 25– John 7:25-31
January 26– Galatians 2:8-10
January 27– 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

LET THE PRISONER GO FREE

January 28– Genesis 31:1-21
January 29– Jeremiah 38:1-13
January 30– Isaiah 61:1-4
January 31– Psalm 107
February 1– John 8:1-11
February 2– Acts 5:17-42
February 3– Colossians 4:2-4

LET THE BLIND SEE

February 4– Genesis 32:22-32
February 5– Leviticus 19:14
February 6– Isaiah 29:15-21
February 7– Psalm 146
February 8– John 9:1-12, 35-41
February 9– Acts 9:1-19
February 10– Romans 1:16-23

LET THE SICK BE HEALED

February 11 – Genesis 33:1-11
February 12– Leviticus 14:1-9
February 13– Isaiah 57:14-21
February 14 – Psalm 41
February 15– John 5:1-14
February 16– Acts 5:12-16
February 17– James 5:13-18

LET THE CHILDREN COME

February 18– Genesis 35:9-15
February 19– Deuteronomy 4:7-14
February 20– Isaiah 29:22-24
February 21– Psalm 128
February 22– Matthew 15:21-28
February 23– Acts 2:38-42
February 24– Ephesians 6:1-4

PEACE THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING

February 25– Genesis 35:1-4
February 26– Deuteronomy 9:12-29
February 27– Isaiah 58:3-12
February 28– Psalm 51
March 1– John 11:1-44
March 2– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28
March 3– Ephesians 6:10-20

PEACE THROUGH WORSHIP

March 4– Genesis 35:5-8
March 5– Deuteronomy 10:17-22
March 6– Daniel 3:1-30
March 7– Psalm 29
March 8– John 12:1-8
March 9– Acts 2:43-47
March 10– Colossians 3:12-17

PEACE THROUGH WISDOM

March 11– Deuteronomy 4:1-6
March 12– Proverbs 12:15-25
March 13– Isaiah 11:1-9
March 14– Psalm 90
March 15– John 12:20-26
March 16– 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
March 17– Colossians 1:1-14

PEACE THROUGH REST AND RESTORATION

March 18– Genesis 40:1-15
March 19– Deuteronomy 5:12-15
March 20– Isaiah 63:7-14
March 21– Psalm 55
March 22 – John 12:27-36
March 23– Galatians 6:1-5
March 24– Hebrews 4:1-11

PEACE THROUGH RECONCILIATION

March 25– Genesis 38:1-30
March 26– Deuteronomy 21:1-9
March 27– Isaiah 55:6-13
March 28– Psalm 32
March 29– John 13:1-10
March 30– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
March 31– Romans 5:1-11

PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

April 1– Genesis 41:37-57
April 2– Deuteronomy 10:12-22
April 3– Isaiah 42:1-9
April 4– Psalm 92
April 5– John 13:11-20
April 6– 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
April 7– Colossians 4:7-18

PEACE THROUGH SUFFERING

April 8– Genesis 45:1-8
April 9– Deuteronomy 26:1-11
April 10– Isaiah 53:1-12
April 11– Psalm 4
April 12– John 19:16-37
April 13– 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
April 14– Hebrews 2:11-18

PEACE THROUGH RESURRECTION

April 15– John 20:1-23
April 16– Deuteronomy 30:1-6
April 17– Isaiah 62:1-12
April 18– Psalm 150
April 19– John 21:1-14
April 20– 1 Corinthians 15:35-44
April 21– Revelation 14:1-5

PEACEMAKING THROUGH AGRICULTURE

April 22– Leviticus 23:15-22
April 23– Deuteronomy 24:19-22
April 24– Ruth 2:1-23
April 25– Psalm 67
April 26– Luke 12:16-21
April 27– 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
April 28– James 5:1-6

PEACEMAKING IN HOUSING

April 29– Lamentations 5:1-22
April 30– Proverbs 17:1, 13
May 1– Isaiah 58:6-9
May 2– Psalm 84
May 3– Mark 13:32-37
May 4– Acts 16:11-15
May 5– 1 Peter 4:7-11

PEACEMAKING IN BUSINESS

May 6– Job 29:1-25
May 7– Proverbs 31:10-31
May 8– Micah 6:7-16
May 9– Psalm 112
May 10– Matthew 6:24-34
May 11– Acts 5:1-11
May 12– 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

PEACEMAKING IN FAMILIES

May 13– Judges 13:1-25
May 14– Deuteronomy 24:5
May 15– Proverbs 3:1-35
May 16– Psalm 127
May 17– Matthew 12:46-50
May 18– Acts 16:28-34
May 19– 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

PEACEMAKING IN RELATIONSHIPS

May 20– Deuteronomy 16:9-12
May 21– Ruth 3:1-18
May 22– Isaiah 25:1-9
May 23– Psalm 113
May 24– Luke 7:36-50
May 15– Acts 4:32-37
May 26– 1 John 4:7-12

PEACEMAKING AMONG RACES

May 27– Deuteronomy 24:14-15
May 28– 1 Kings 17:8-16
May 29– Jeremiah 7:1-7
May 30– Psalm 46
May 31– Mark 7:24-30
June 1– Hebrews 13:1-3
June 2– Revelation 7:9-17

PEACEMAKING IN THE CHURCH

June 3– Ezekiel 37:1-14
June 4– Zechariah 8:1-13
June 5– Isaiah 32:9-20
June 6– Psalm 133
June 7– Mark 10:35-45
June 8– Acts 6:1-7
June 9– Romans 16:1-27

PEACEMAKING IN THE SCHOOLS

June 10– Deuteronomy 11:18-21
June 11– Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
June 12– Nehemiah 8:1-12
June 13– Psalm 119:1-16
June 14– Luke 4:16-30
June 15– Titus 2:1-15
June 16– 1 Timothy 1:1-11

PEACEMAKING IN LABOR

June 17– Exodus 5:1– 6:1
June 18– Deuteronomy 26:12-15
June 19– Nehemiah 4:1-23
June 20– Psalm 81
June 21– Matthew 7:24-27
June 22– Acts 19:23-41
June 23– James 2:14-26

PEACEMAKING IN THE ARTS

June 24– Exodus 35:20-29
June 25– 2 Chronicles 4:11-22
June 26– Ezekiel 17:1-15
June 27– Psalm 47
June 28– Matthew 26:26-30
June 29– Ephesians 5:18-20
June 30– Revelation 21:9-21

PEACEMAKING IN GOVERNMENT

July 1– 2 Samuel 23:1-7
July 2– 1 Kings 21:1-29
July 3– Jeremiah 22:13-17
July 4– Psalm 2
July 5– Luke 19:1-10
July 6– Acts 26:24-32
July 7– Romans 13:1-7

PEACEMAKING IN WARTIME

July 8– 1 Samuel 24:1-22
July 9– Isaiah 30:1-5
July 10– Jeremiah 32:1-15
July 11– Psalm 68:1-6
July 12– Mark 13:1-13
July 13– Romans 8:31-39
July 14 – Revelation 13:1-10

PEACEMAKING IN LAW

July 15– Exodus 20:1-17
July 16– 2 Kings 22:3-13
July 17– Isaiah 59:1-16
July 18– Psalm 119:113-128
July 19– Matthew 7:12-14
July 20– Acts 15:22-35
July 21– Romans 3:21-31

PEACEMAKING IN EVANGELISM

July 22– Exodus 4:19-31
July 23– Proverbs 25:25
July 24– Jeremiah 30:10-22
July 25– Psalm 40:1-11
July 26– Matthew 11:2-6
July 27– Acts 10:34-48
July 28 – Romans 10:14-17

PEACEMAKING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

July 29– Ezra 1:1-11
July 30– Micah 4:1-4
July 31– Jeremiah 29:1-14
August 1– Psalm 96
August 2– Matthew 25:31-46
August 3– Ephesians 2:11-22
August 4– Philippians 4:21-23

THE GRACE OF PEACE

August 5– 2 Chronicles 32:22-23
August 6– Judges 6:11-24
August 7– Micah 5:2-5
August 8– Psalm 23
August 9– Luke 1:46-55
August 10– Romans 8:10-11
August 11– Philippians 1:1-2

THE JOY OF PEACE

August 12– Proverbs 21:13-15
August 13– 2 Chronicles 30:22-27
August 14– Zechariah 9:9-10
August 15– Psalm 37:1-11
August 16– Luke 1:67-80
August 17– Romans 15:22-33
August 18– 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

THE BLESSING OF PEACE

August 19– Proverbs 14:29-31
August 20– Esther 10:3
August 21– Daniel 10:4-10
August 22– Psalm 85
August 23– Luke 2:25-38
August 24– Romans 15:7-13
August 25– 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

THE LOVE OF PEACE

August 26– Deuteronomy 10:10-15
August 27– 1 Kings 4:24-25
August 28– Zechariah 8:14-19
August 29– Psalm 30
August 30– Luke 10:1-9
August 31– Ephesians 6:23-24
September 1– 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

THE HOPE OF PEACE

September 2– Isaiah 40:27-31
September 3– Proverbs 10:28—13:12
September 4– Jeremiah 17:5-13
September 5– Psalm 9
September 6– Luke 24:13-35
September 7– Romans 12:9-13
September 8– 1 Peter 3:13-17

IMAGES OF PEACE

September 9– Isaiah 60:19-22
September 10– Hosea 11:1-4
September 11– Song of Songs 1:8-17
September 12– Psalm 120
September 13– Luke 2:1-12
September 14– Mark 10:13-16
September 15– Hebrews 12:12-24

SONGS OF PEACE

September 16– 2 Chronicles 5:1-14
September 17– Isaiah 54:11-13
September 18– Song of Songs 8:5-10
September 19– Psalm 34
September 20– Luke 2:13-14
September 21– Philippians 2:6-11
September 22– Revelation 4:1-11

CELEBRATE PEACE

September 23– Ezekiel 34:25-31
September 24– Isaiah 52:7-12
September 25– Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
September 26– Psalm 48
September 27– John 2:1-11
September 28– Philemon
September 29– Hebrews 13:20-21

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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