

PEACE

Advent 2

I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid.

John 14:27 NLT

God's Peace goes beyond our understanding. There are times when it doesn't seem to reflect our circumstances. God's peace is a peace that guards our hearts and minds, our physical and emotional well-being, our mental health. Invite the Gift of Peace into your life each day.

Peace is a gift from God. It's one of the things that brings Christians reassurance. We still have worries, but we also have the gift of peace.

⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:5-8 NIV

God of the great and the small,
We give thanks for the example of the prophets,
For truth spoken and lived by all those who have declared your message,
Who have called those in power to account.
Help us to be a prophetic voice,
Speaking God's truth to those who may not want to hear
Calling for peace, for justice, for mercy,
Amplifying those who are ignored,
Speaking for those who cannot,
Humbly acknowledging our failings
And encouraging a better way of living.
Amen.

People of God: Return! God calls you to be his own.
From the mountains announce the good news!
God comes in justice and peace, to all who follow his ways.
You are one of God's children
Lord make us one in the peace of Christ today and for ever. Amen.