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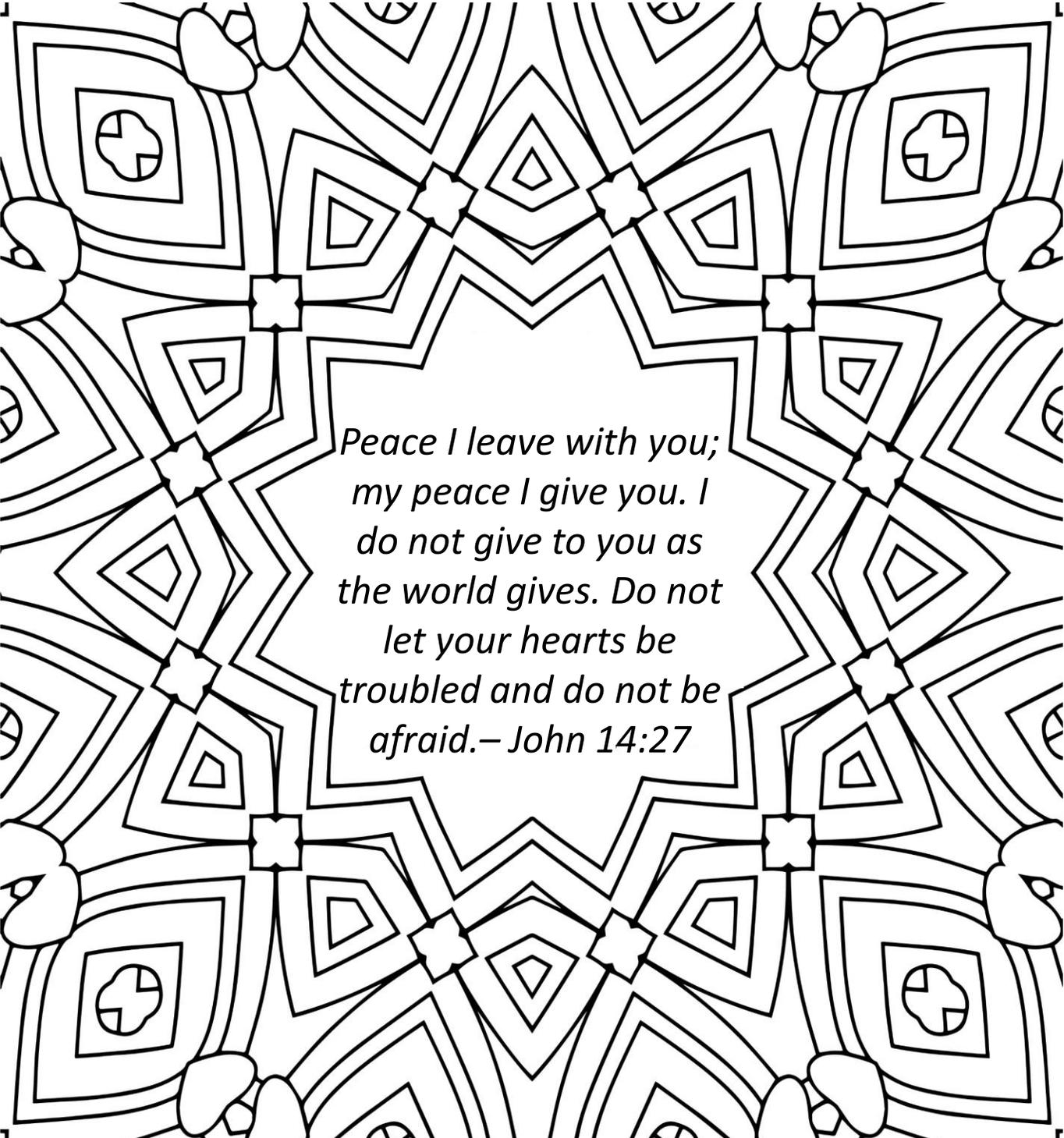
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*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



*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*

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Today's Devotion – Pray for Peace

Peter was celebrating at a Jewish festival when King Herod had him arrested and imprisoned. He had every reason to be fearful for his life.

Days earlier, Herod had ordered the execution of James, another disciple.

Yet the night before Peter was to meet with Herod, he was sleeping soundly.

Most people would be up, pacing the floor and trying to come up with the right words to convince an evil man to spare their life.

But not Peter. How was it he was able to sleep so soundly that evening? The answer can be found in Acts 12:5.

“So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him.”

You might be tempted to thinking praying for a friend to have peace before surgery or a job interview doesn't matter. But it does.

Your prayers not only have power; they can bring peace to those who are living in the middle of the unknown.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today's Promise
*When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at
peace with him. - Proverbs 16:7*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance."
– Acts 12:6**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

Dear God, I pray for [friend's name] today. I ask for peace as they face [situation]. Give them wisdom and discernment as they need it. Let them feel Your love surrounding them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Philippians 4:13 (Write Out)

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Today 2

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Today's Devotion – Peace in the Unexpected

When Arielle noticed her normally active toddler was beginning to sleep for long stretches of time and seemed slow to heal, she took her to the doctor.

The pediatrician checked the girl's vitals then sent the mother and daughter to the emergency room.

In a white room, a physician entered and smiled kindly at Arielle. "We don't know anything yet and we're hopeful that she has a minor illness. But we need to run more tests tomorrow to make sure she's not seriously ill."

Arielle quickly messaged her friends and family. Many of them promised to meet up at the hospital the next day so they could support her.

But that night, a local specialist arrived and wanted to do the testing as soon as possible. Arielle watched as they whisked her little girl off to her surgery and she suddenly felt more alone than she had in her entire life.

To keep herself from imagining the worst, she started praying. As she did, she felt a reassuring presence. "I knew whatever happened, God was with me in that tiny room and that peace was indescribable."

The specialist brought her daughter back a few hours later. He explained that the little girl didn't have cancer like he'd fear. She had an infection and would need to stay for a couple of days but she'd make a full recovery.

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Today 2

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
You will keep him in perfect peace,
whose mind is stayed on You,
because he trusts in You. -Isaiah 26:3

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace."
– Psalm 29:11**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please help when I'm feeling blindsided by life. Remind me again that I'm never alone because You are with me. Right here. Right now. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 41:10 (Write Out)

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Today 3

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Today's Devotion – Peace with Others

Sandra loved her home. It was exactly the type of house she'd dreamed of living in when she was a little girl. There was a beautiful flower bed in the front yard that bloomed year round with fragrant flowers. In the backyard was a tire swing and slide that her kids loved to play on.

The only downside to her home was her next door neighbor. The neighbor was an elderly woman who was known around the block for her sour demeanor. She constantly complained.

At first, she didn't like where Sandra had placed her trashcan. She complained the kids made too much noise when they played in the backyard. She fretted over the family dog, certain he was going to get out even though the dog had never made an escape attempt.

After dealing with the older woman several times, Sandra resolved to be kind to her. "At first, I was really mad about her constant complaints. Then I realized she was probably just lonely and needed someone to care." Sandra started showing up at her neighbor's house with cookies and home-cooked meals. She offered to clean the other woman's gutters and fix her squeaky porch step.

Eventually, Sandra's neighbor warmed up to her and the two became friends. Sandra shares, "I'm thankful now that I didn't respond unkindly to her complaints and sever any potential for a relationship. The whole neighborhood thinks about her differently now."

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Today's Promise
Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. - John 14:27

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."
– Romans 12:18**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Scripture

Deuteronomy 31:6 (Write Out)

Today's Prayer

God, it's not always easy to love the people around me. Sometimes, they make me mad and I just want to get even. Help me to respond with kindness so I can shine Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Today 4

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Today's Devotion – Seek Peace

Bobby was a high school sophomore when he learned that his best friend had been killed in a drive-by shooting.

When he met up with his circle of friends, he felt overwhelmed by the tension and anger in the air.

The only thing anyone wanted to do was get back at the gang. As ideas for revenge swirled, Bobby wondered what to do. A part of him wanted to join in and get even with the people that had done this.

He thought about his friend's family and how there would always be an empty space at their table. His best friend would never get to attend prom or go to his dream college. He'd never help out his father in the family business or get married to his high school sweetheart.

"What do you think we should do, Bobby?" One of the troublemakers in the group asked.

Bobby took a deep breath, "I want to hurt them. I want to hurt them all but that gets us nowhere. We just keep hurting each other and it becomes a cycle. No one else needs to die. Jimmy wouldn't want that."

Fortunately, the group listened to Bobby's words and didn't counter-attack the gang. A few weeks later, the police arrested several gang members and they each went to prison for their crimes.

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Today 4

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise
*These things I have spoken to you,
that in Me you may have peace.
- John 16:33*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it." – Psalm 34:14

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, sometimes I'm tempted to act on my emotions. Help me to slow down and seek You first. I want to walk in peace, even when it's hard. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 6:10 (Write Out)

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Today 5

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Today's Devotion – Focus on Peace

Luke's boss asked him to attend a special meeting on Monday afternoon. All weekend, he worried about the upcoming discussion.

For weeks, Luke had heard rumors that his company was in financial trouble.

The thought of losing his job made him want to panic. It wasn't just the job loss. He'd been fired from a different company years ago.

At the time, he and his wife had adjusted their spending and weathered the event just fine.

But that was before his son was born several weeks premature with some of his organs underdeveloped.

The tiny baby needed round-the-clock care and a host of expensive medications in order to survive.

As he left for work on Monday, Luke fought the urge to cry. A praise song came on the radio with a message about trusting God. "Please, help me," Luke prayed, "Help me to focus on Your promises of provision and not to put my faith in my job."

When Luke walked into the meeting, his boss surprised him with good news. "You got the new account we needed so you're being promoted."

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Today 5

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.
- Numbers 6:26

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you." – Isaiah 26:3

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, it's not always easy to rest on Your promises. When I'm tempted to worry, help me to lean into Your peace. Remind me again that You can and will provide for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Deuteronomy 20:4 (Write Out)

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Today 6

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Today's Devotion – Sharing Peace

Carrie woke up from a lengthy surgery. Since her body had difficulty metabolizing medication, she often had wild and unexpected side effects.

To protect her, the medical team opted to strap her arms and legs to her gurney.

Still suffering the effects of the medicine, Carrie's whole body began shaking and she felt cold all over.

She tried to speak but she still had a tube in her throat that hadn't been removed yet.

She was terribly frightened and feeling alone when one of the nurses took her hand. Gently, she leaned over her and spoke in a soothing tone.

"I know you're scared right now. You just came through surgery so you're probably feeling woozy. But you're safe in the hospital room. I'm right here and I'll stay with you until you start feeling better."

Instantly, Carrie felt comforted at the nurse's words. As her tremors ceased, she felt her anxiety begin to melt away.

She is thankful God sent a compassionate nurse to share peace with her in the middle of a scary moment.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 6

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. - Psalm 4:8

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"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

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when I see someone who is anxious, give me compassion. Show me how to soothe and comfort them so they feel Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

2 Timothy 1:7 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 7

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Today's Devotion – Embrace Peace

Anna filled her days with work. From the moment she got up until she went to bed each night, she was rarely still.

She loved having so many people counting on her and so many projects filling her plate.

Then a car accident changed everything. She had broken her back and needed surgery. But the doctor explained that the surgery would be very risky in Anna's case.

“Since you're not a good candidate for the surgery, I want you to rest for the next six weeks. Perhaps your body will heal on its own.”

At first, Anna found herself grumpy and bored. All she could do was lie in the hospital bed and slowly tick off the days. But then Anna decided to use her time to do something productive. She began studying her Bible every day and writing down what she was learning.

Anna eventually made a full recovery and a few years later, she saw a publishing company was looking for Bible study writers. She submitted the study she'd done when she was in the hospital and was delighted when the company wanted to use it.

“I use to think of quiet time as a waste of time. But now, I know that God never wastes a season in my life including the still ones.”

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Today 7

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*But the meek shall inherit the earth,
and shall delight themselves in the
abundance of peace. — Psalm 37:11*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." – Psalm 46:10

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when I'm in a situation and You're calling me to be still, help me to cease striving. Show me again that You've got it all under control. Help me to depend on You for my strength. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 12:2 (Write Out)

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Today 8

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Today's Devotion – Unified in Peace

Shane took a deep breath and pressed the send button on the email. He'd spent several days writing and re-writing it.

The lengthy message was a difficult one to compose. He recognized an attitude in his friend's life that he knew could lead to sin.

Although Shane tried to humbly approach his friend in the email, he worried when he didn't hear a response.

Normally, he spoke with his friend several times each week but this week, he'd heard nothing.

Shane wasn't sure what to do next. As he prayed over the situation, he bumped into his friend at the grocery store. His friend smiled and greeted him warmly.

At the end of their conversation, Shane's friend leaned in for a hug. "Thank you for sharing that message.

It took me a few days to process it but now, I understand what you were saying. Thanks for looking out for me."

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Today 8

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
He has redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me, for there were many against me. - Psalm 55:18

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
– Ephesians 4:3**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to lovingly confront sin. I don't want to do it from a place of pride or arrogance. Let there be a bond of unity between me and my friends. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Matthew 11:28 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 9

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Today's Devotion – Go in Peace

Abigail was tending to her home when one of her servants came to warn her.

He explained that David and his men had spent months protecting her husband's sheep and looking out for their shepherds.

“But when David sent a message, asking for food and water for his men, your husband would have none of it.

Now, David is headed this way and he looks very angry. All of us will perish for your husband's insult.”

Abigail quickly mobilized her household. She sent food ahead to David and met him on the path up to her house.

Quickly, she explained that she had not seen the men and begged his forgiveness.

Rather than respond by showing power or anger, Abigail came humbly. She brought peace into a difficult situation and saved her entire household by doing so.

The next time you're tempted to respond to someone harshly, remember Abigail. With a soft answer and a kind spirit, she turned away David's wrath.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 9

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have
kissed. — Psalm 85:10*

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request." – 1 Samuel 25:35

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please guard my responses today. Help me to approach each situation with humility, seeking a peaceful outcome for both sides. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Isaiah 40:29 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 10

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Today's Devotion – Peace in His Arms

Mary and her husband already had five children when they learned she was pregnant with her sixth baby.

Aaron was born prematurely and had to spend several weeks in the hospital.

When he came home, Aaron often had difficulty feeding. Mary says, “The doctor said that was common in preemies.

Their digestive systems aren't always as strong. So after every meal, Aaron would cry and cry.”

Aaron's father was the only one who could comfort the small baby. “It didn't matter how early Cameron had to get up the next day for work.

He'd wake throughout the night to comfort Aaron. One night he held him for hours, walking the floor.”

During times of distress, it's easy to think God has abandoned you. But just as Cameron rose to hold his son each time he cried, God rises to comfort you.

Sometimes, He might do this by sending a friend to speak a kind word over you, providing for your material needs, or putting someone in your path to listen to you.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 10

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*Great peace have those who love
Your law, and nothing causes them
to stumble. — Psalm 119:165*

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.” – Isaiah 40:11

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when I'm in need of comfort, help me to remember that You're holding onto me. Let me rest peacefully in Your arms. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 31:24 (Write Out)

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Today 11

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Gathering in Peace

Angela had insisted on family dinners since her kids were small.

The meals they ate weren't fancy and their tiny dining room wasn't one you'd see featured in a magazine.

But there had always been lots of love around the table.

As the kids became teenagers, Angela noticed a shift in their attitudes.

Now, dinner together was becoming less about spending time together and more about bickering.

The kids fought over who had to do chores and made mocking jokes about each other.

Finally, Angela decided to create a new rule. "We gather in peace. If you have an issue to discuss with your siblings, that's fine.

But we're not here to bicker. We're family and our goal is to encourage and strengthen each other."

Even loving families have their disagreements. But a disagreement doesn't have to turn into a shouting match or a bickering fest.

You can discuss important topics with kind attitudes and remain peaceful.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 11

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
For length of days and long life and peace they will add to you.
— Proverbs 3:2

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.” – Romans 14:19

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please help me with my family. We struggle to be kind and loving toward each other sometimes. Show me how to be an example of peace and unity. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 73:26 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 12

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Today's Devotion – When Peace Is Hard to Find

Jacob watched the news with a sinking heart. Seeing all the tragedy and pain was difficult.

But the more he watched, the more helpless he began to feel. Finally, he cut off the news and went to work.

As he was getting his morning coffee, Jacob bumped into his co-worker, Austin. “Did you see the news?” Jacob asked before launching into a gory news story.

Austin shook his head, “I rarely watch the news. When I use to, I’d get so caught up in what everyone else is doing.

I’d question why I should live a right life if no one else is going to.”

Jacob stopped, “So, what did you finally decide?”

Austin said, “I think life is about focus. I want to focus on the people I can love on and help. My job is to do the good works God has prepared for me to do.”

Sometimes, watching the news can shift your focus to everything that’s going wrong in the world. While it’s important to be informed, don’t let the negativity get you down. Put your focus on serving God and helping others.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 12

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

How beautiful upon the mountains are
the feet of him who brings good news,
who proclaims peace... - Isaiah 52:7

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"Do not fret because of those who are evil
or be envious of those who do wrong..."**
– Psalm 37:1

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, turn my eyes toward You. I want to
be a sweet blessing to others and I can't do
that if I'm always focused on the negative.
Let love be my focus today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Mark 12:30 (Write Out)

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Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 13

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace in the Storm

Serena's elderly parents were in the path of a fierce hurricane. She pleaded with them to get plane tickets and fly to stay with her.

"We have plenty of room and the boys love seeing you," she said, referring to her young sons.

Although her parents tried to get plane tickets, the banks around them had closed and they had no way to get reservations.

Finally, the elderly couple decided to drive inland and stay at a hotel.

When they returned to their home three days later, they were shocked. Their entire neighborhood was just a pile of broken homes and cracked foundations.

As they dug through the rubble, Serena's father spotted some old family photos.

As he pulled them out from the mess, several bills floated in the air. He quickly collected them and laughed as soon as he saw the amount. It was enough for exactly two plane tickets to their daughter's home.

Storms enter everyone's life at some point. It might be an illness, financial problem, or car accident. While you can't control the storms, you find peace in the middle of them by trusting God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 13

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. — Isaiah 54:13

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed."
– Psalm 107:29**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when the storms around me rage, help me to look to You for peace. Quiet the storm in my heart and comfort this frail child of Yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 29:11 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 14

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Be a Peacemaker

Anger surged through Bill as he thought about his co-worker's recent behavior.

The other man had passed blame for an undone project onto Bill and now Bill's job was in question.

As he considered his response, he flipped on the radio to hear a pastor reciting Matthew 5:9.

He quickly shut off the radio then said aloud, "God, I don't want to be a peacemaker. I want to get even. I'm angry and this isn't fair."

Instantly, Bill's thought of Jesus on the Cross. "OK, God," He said softly, "That wasn't fair either and You used it for my good. Help me to be gracious with my co-worker. Give me peace as I do my job today."

When Bill encountered his co-worker the next day, he gave the man a genuine smile and asked how he was.

The other man sheepishly explained that he'd forgotten about the project and asked Bill's forgiveness.

It's hard to be a peacemaker when you want to defend yourself or get even with the person who wronged you. But as God's child, you are called to walk in peace where possible.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 14

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace... — Jeremiah 29:11

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." – Matthew 5:9

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to remember Matthew 5:9 when I encounter unfair situations. I want to be like Jesus and show mercy to the other person. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Matthew 6:33 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 15

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Today's Devotion – Peace in the Middle of a Detour

Olivia was busy grocery shopping when she heard someone call out for help.

She looked up to see a woman in the checkout line, swaying.

Olivia quickly abandoned her cart and hurried over to the other woman.

She led her to a bench and began asking her questions. “Ma’am, are you all right? Do you have a medical condition like diabetes?”

The other woman weakly explained that she’d been working in her yard all day and had forgotten to eat.

A store employee brought her a tray of food and another customer grabbed the woman a drink.

Although Olivia had a lot of errands to run that day, construction had blocked her path. So, she decided to go to the grocery store first and she was grateful she was there to help the other shopper in need.

Sometimes, God redirects your daily path so you can minister to someone in need.

Perhaps God wants you to speak a word of encouragement over the single mom you meet or maybe He wants you to comfort a crying child.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 15

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace, be still!' - Mark 4:39

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"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**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, sometimes I'm tempted to cling tightly to my daily plans. But my day is Yours; use it as You will. Move me where You want me to minister. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Psalm 23:4 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 16

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peaceful Conversations

When Edith moved to a new town, she missed her best friend. She began calling her friend every week.

But after two or three chats, she noticed a disturbing trend. Every time she called, her friend boarded a negative train.

She would complain about her husband, her kids, and her job. Every positive would somehow be transformed and her words were all gloom and doom.

Finally, Edith decided to gently re-direct her friend's thoughts.

When the other woman began complaining, Edith would ask a question. She asked questions like these:

- What's happened to you this week that's been good?
- What are you praising God for today?
- Who has been blessing you this month?

Slowly, her friend began to move her focus from the negative to the positive.

Like Edith, you may have a friend or loved one that's always looking at the worst case scenario. But you can gently encourage your friend by asking questions that shift her focus.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 16

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. — Luke 1:79

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”
– Galatians 5:22-23**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Scripture

Psalm 118:14 (Write Out)

Today's Prayer

God, let the words I speak to my friends and family be encouraging. I don't want to bring them down with a sour outlook. Show me how to uplift and minister to others during our conversations. In Jesus' name, Amen.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace Be with You

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples worried they would be the next targets.

So, they all gathered into a room and hid out. They locked the doors, turned off the lights, and waited.

Then Jesus shows up. He doesn't knock politely at the door. He doesn't announce His presence loudly.

He simply shows up in the middle of the room and proclaims, "Peace be with you!"

It's hard to blame the disciples—we all face situations that we want to hide from. Maybe you're waiting on test results from the doctor and all you want to do is avoid his calls.

Perhaps you've just learned your spouse is cheating and you don't want to come home.

Maybe there's a warrant out for your son's arrest and you want to hide from your community.

Whatever happens, you can rest secure in the knowledge that Jesus is with you right now. What He said to His disciples is the same thing He's saying to you, "Peace be with you!"

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 17

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
Therefore, having been justified by
faith, we have peace with God
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
— Romans 5:1

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" – John 20:26

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Scripture

2 Thessalonians 3:3 (Write Out)

Today's Prayer

God, I feel overwhelmed by fear and shame. Everything feels like it's falling apart and I'm scared. I'm ready to hide out. Please remind me that You're here. Grant me the peace that comes from Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 18

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace for Friends

Gary woke in the middle of the night. He couldn't go back to sleep so he began praying.

As he prayed, his friend, Keith kept coming to mind.

He began to pray earnestly, begging God to give Keith peace and protection.

The next day, Gary heard from Keith's wife. Keith, an active duty police officer, had been shot while on the job.

Despite all of the chaos going on around him, Keith had the presence of mind to comfort those around him.

"He's sleeping now but you should have seen him earlier," Keith's wife said, "He was so peaceful.

He was on the gurney, smiling like there wasn't a thing in the world wrong."

Sometimes, it can be difficult to know what to pray for a friend.

Take a page from Gary's book and pray that your friend has peace no matter what situation they may be in.

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 18

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*For to be carnally minded is death,
but to be spiritually minded is life
and peace. — Romans 8:6*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"I have told you these things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take courage; I have overcome the world!" – John 16:33

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please comfort (your friend's name). Let them feel Your presence and Your peace, regardless of what happens this week. Comfort them with Your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

! Corinthians 16:14 (Write Out)

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Today 19

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace without Answers

Andrea quit her job to become the caretaker of her adult daughter who'd been injured in a car accident.

A few months later, her husband had a heart attack and passed away.

But Andrea never lost her sweet spirit. Even in the middle of her pain, she showed up in her church and her community.

She served others and comforted them in their grief.

When someone asked Andrea how she could hold onto her faith, she said, "I thought if I could just get answers to my questions, I would be OK.

But the more I searched, the more desperate I became.

I had to let go of my questions and let my Heavenly Father's love comfort me."

Like Andrea, you may encounter hard things in life. You may have dozens of questions and that's understandable.

But getting the answers won't ease your pain or make you feel better.

It's only in God's presence that you'll find true peace.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 19

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. – Romans 14:17

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants-- but let them not turn to folly."
– Psalm 85:8**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I'm asking for peace today. I'm weary and battle-worn. I'm laying all of my questions and fear down. Please wrap me in Your embrace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

1 John 4:8 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 20

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Sleep in Peace

Michael's youngest son, Aiden, was in the room when his older brothers decided to watch a movie.

The boys didn't realize the toddler was playing behind the couch so they didn't worry when they started the zombie movie.

But what Aiden saw scared him and for the next two weeks, he would wake up with nightmares.

Each time, Michael rose to comfort his son. He tried to make the boy's room seem less scary by adding a night light, checking for monsters under the bed, and playing soothing music.

One night when Michael was feeling exhausted, the fourth verse in Psalm 121 popped into his head.

He'd memorized it as a young boy and he recited it softly, "Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep."

"God is watching over you, Aiden," He said to his son, "And He never sleeps or closes His eyes. He always sees you. No matter where you are or what you're doing."

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 20

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.
— Romans 16:20

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me." – Psalm 3:5

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Scripture

Colossians 3:14 (Write Out)

Today's Prayer

God, it feels like there are monsters waiting for me in bed – monsters of debt, worry, heartache and stress. Please help me rest in peace tonight. Let me remember that You are watching over me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 21

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace in the Darkness

There's an old hymn titled, It Is Well. You may recognize some of the lyrics...

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.

The message behind this song is that God can provide peace to His people.

It was written by Horatio G. Spafford. He wrote those words after learning his four daughters had drowned at sea.

While some would have raged at God and others have walked away from ministry, Horatio made a decision to keep seeking God. As a result, he found peace in the middle of his darkest moments.

Maybe you've never lost a child but you have lost something. Perhaps you lost your company when your business partner made a foolish decision or you lost your spouse when she walked out on you.

Whatever your loss, don't run from it. Don't try to hide it or bury it. Bring it to God. He can handle your pain and grief.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 21

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. — 1 Corinthians 14:33

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**“And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”
– Philippians 4:7**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I've lost (your loss) and I don't know what to do. I feel overwhelmed with pain and pressure. I need You to provide peace and show me what the next step is. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

1 Peter 4:8 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 22

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – A Peaceful Refuge

Mark grew up in a poor neighborhood. He was abused by his father, a single parent. He struggled to do well in school but he was a natural athlete.

Despite his hardships, Mark continued to keep fighting for his dream.

Eventually, Mark received a full scholarship to college and was drafted in the National Basketball League.

He made millions of dollars as a player and many more as he endorsed various products.

He spent most of his time building a mansion. Whenever he felt sad or alone, he would expand the house. This went on for years until he had a huge, sprawling estate, but no one to share it with.

While traveling to one of his games, Mark met a pastor. He struck up a conversation with the other man and they began sharing stories about their lives.

Finally, Mark blurted out, “Why can’t I find peace? I’ve built myself a beautiful refuge but it’s not soothing my soul.”

“Maybe,” the wise pastor answered, “You’ve made the wrong thing your refuge. Perhaps there’s another refuge you’re in need of.”

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 22

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness. — Galatians 5:22

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

**"The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace."
– Psalm 29:11**

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I don't want to make things or relationships my refuge. I want You to be my refuge, the place where I retreat each day. Show me how to walk in peace so I can shine Your love to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

John 15:13 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 23

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Wells of Peace

Isaac had become very rich and very powerful because God had blessed him.

He was so blessed that the people around him feared him and asked him to move. So Isaac, seeking to live in peace, moved into the Valley of Gerar (Genesis 26:17).

The valley he went to had once been where his father, Abraham, camped and it contained many wells. The Philistines had filled these wells with dirt, making them unusable.

Isaac instructed his servants to clear out the wells so he could have water for his household.

When they cleared the first one, some Philistine men came to Isaac and claimed they were using the well before him.

But Isaac refused to bicker and simply moved to another well. When that was ready to be used by his family, more Philistine men came.

They also claimed the well. Again, Isaac surrendered the well.

Once the third well was finished, no one had any quarrels. Although it had been difficult, Isaac's peaceful responses allowed him to live in harmony with those around him.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 23

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*Endeavoring to keep the unity of
the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
— Ephesians 4:3

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord." – Hebrews 12:14

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, when I'm tempted to bicker, help me remember Isaac. Let me to be willing to lose a well rather than a brother. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:13 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 24

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace at the End

Stephen was a passionate Christian in the early years of the church. Like others, he had greatly angered the religious leaders of the day by proclaiming that Jesus had risen from the dead.

So, Stephen was taken into custody. False witnesses were produced and Stephen was asked for his response. He spoke eloquently about God's history with the nation of Israel and how the religious elite had murdered Jesus.

At this, Stephen was dragged outside and stoned. As the rocks were hitting him, Stephen made an interesting plea.

He asked God not to hold this sin against those who were persecuting him.

Of all the prayers Stephen could have offered up, he didn't pray for himself. He prayed for those who were hurting him. What an example of grace and mercy!

You may be called into a situation where you need to proclaim truth even when it's unpopular. Perhaps you have to give a report about the budget and your boss wants you to fudge some of the numbers. Maybe you have to take a stand against an evil in your community.

It's never easy to do these things but you can rest in the knowledge that God is with you. Like Stephen, you never have to face the mob alone.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 24

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.
— Ephesians 6:15

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep.
— Acts 7:60

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, give me the strength to stand up for what's right. Help me to tell the truth and proclaim it boldly, even when other people wish I wouldn't. Grant me the compassion to be gracious to my accusers. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Ephesians 4:2 (Write Out)

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 25

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace in Between

Bethany's husband needed to move for his job. She loved where she lived in the mountains and she hated the thought of moving to sunny Arizona.

Her husband promised that when his contract was up, they would return to her beloved town.

So, Bethany packed her things and readied her children. Her husband moved to Arizona first and a few weeks later, the rest of the family followed.

She settled the kids into a routine at their new school but she stayed pretty isolated. She kept thinking of her new move as temporary until she read Jeremiah 29:7.

"I realized that if God moved me to a different city, then He had a purpose. And maybe that purpose isn't just for me.

Maybe there are people I'm supposed to reach out to and love on."

With this new attitude, Bethany began putting down roots and getting involved in the community. She built friendships with other moms in the area and was surprised when one day she found herself happy.

"I realized that peace doesn't depend on where I am. I can experience peace in the in-between places of my life."

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 25

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
— Colossians 3:15

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

"Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."
— Jeremiah 29:7

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, sometimes I struggle with the in-between. I confess, I just want this season over and done with. But maybe that's not what You want. Your plans are always so much better than my own so help me to lean into You during this season. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Proverbs 17:17 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 26

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peace in Failure

When Jesus was speaking about His coming death, Peter boldly stepped forward. Chest puffed out, he confidently tells Jesus that he has His back. “Not me. I’d rather die than be parted from you!”

Peter’s sentiment is sweet but false. For the very night that Jesus is taken into custody, Peter is asked three times if he was with Jesus and he denies it. Every. Single. Time.

Yet how often do we do that? We claim to love Jesus but that doesn’t stop us from coveting someone else’s house or stabbing a co-worker in the back to get that promotion. We scheme, lie, and manipulate. Then the rooster crows and we are reminded of our failure, of how fickle our hearts really are. So, we ask the same question that Peter most likely asked, “How can You still love me?”

But take a peek at Peter’s first encounter with Jesus... Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter). – John 1:42

The truth is Jesus doesn’t just see who you are. He also sees who you will become. He knew that the fisherman who would deny Him three times would also bear witness to thousands that Jesus was the Messiah.

If you’ve sinned, don’t run from Jesus. Confess it humbly and seek forgiveness. There’s no condemnation waiting for you. Jesus knows your true identity isn’t found in your sin but in His love.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 26

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
Now may the God of peace Himself
sanctify you completely...
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.
– Matthew 26:35

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I confess my sin. Like Peter, I had a chance to stand with Jesus but I denied Him. Help me to remember my sin doesn't define me—Your love does! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Romans 12:9 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 27

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – A Lack of Peace

“I’m thinking of taking this writing course,” Sally said to her friend, “But I’m not sure about the instructor. I can’t quite put my finger on it.”

Sally’s friend helped her research the instructor. “The writer’s information might be good.

But she’s known to start bullying and belittling other writers. You may want to avoid learning from her.”

When Jesus sent out his disciples, He instructed them to bless the home they would stay at.

But He explained, if the owner of the house wasn’t a peaceful person, that the disciples would feel the peace return to them.

Sometimes, you may encounter situations where you lack peace. Perhaps a doctor says you need an operation but you don’t feel peaceful about the upcoming surgery.

Maybe your friend recommends a mentor that makes you feel uneasy.

In situations where you lack peace, it’s wise to slow down and pray.

In some cases, a lack of peace can be felt because God doesn’t want you to walk that path.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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DAYS OF FINDING PEACE

Today 27

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise

Now may the Lord of peace Himself
give you peace always in every way.

The Lord be with you all.

— 2 Thessalonians 3:16

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“If someone who promotes peace is there,
your peace will rest on them; if not, it will
return to you.” – Luke 10:6

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please give me wisdom and discernment
over this situation. If this path is the one I'm
supposed to walk, please grant me peace. If
it's not the right move, then reveal that to me.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture Romans 13:8 (Write Out)

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Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 28

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Pain & Peace

It must have been one of the darkest days of David's life. He and his household are on the run.

Not from an enemy or a foreign government that has sought to overpower the nation of Israel.

No, he's running from the threat within his walls—his own son, Absalom. When David sees the messenger coming, you can feel his hope welling up. "This has to be good news," David whispers.

But the news that comes is a mixed blessing. The threat is gone—Absalom is dead. David and the kingdom have been delivered. But David cannot rejoice. His pain is too raw.

God sometimes allows situation to work out differently than we hoped. David had most likely asked for a peaceful resolution.

Maybe you hoped God would heal your marriage and instead, He set you free from a verbally abusive spouse.

Perhaps you asked God to save your business and instead, He provided a job for you.

These are hard moments when pain mixes with peace. But rest assured, that God is still working on your behalf. He stills plans to do good for you.

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. — James 3:18

Today's Tasks

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates, the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone.”
– 2 Samuel 18:24

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, please help me. This is not the answer I was hoping for and I won't hide my disappointment. But I also know You're sovereign. You're still in control and I rest in that truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Romans 12:10 (Write Out)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 29

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – Peaceful Restoration

Restoration is not an easy business. It's messy and complex. It often involves sifting through our own brokenness. It means we discover wounds we thought had healed long ago and that can be painful.

But God calls us to restore our relationships where possible. Perhaps you said an unkind word to a friend that resulted in a huge argument. Maybe your spouse angered you and you unloaded weeks of resentment onto their shoulders.

Whatever the tear, consider how you might restore the relationship. Could you apologize to your friend or call your husband? Have you considered writing a letter to your mother-in-law to let her know you're sorry for how you treated her?

You don't have to be the one who inflicted wounds in order to seek restoration. You might go to a loved one or friend and say, "Your words hurt me, but I'd like to move past this. Can we mend fences?"

Of course, not every relationship should be restored. If you're in a violent situation, it's not wise to put yourself in danger. In these situations, it's OK to say, "I'm working on forgiveness but I think we need to heal apart for a little while."

Before you seek restoration with another, start by going to God in prayer. He's been in the restoration business for thousands of years!

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 29

This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of
God. — Matthew 5:9*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

“Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.”
– 2 Corinthians 13:11

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, I'm broken about my relationship with (name). I want to see restoration and healing. Please show me how to reach out. Guide my efforts and let me be gentle with their heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Romans 10:17 (Write Out)

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Today 30

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.—Psalm 118:24*



Today's Devotion – A Peaceful Friendship

Jonathan was the son of Saul, the first king of Israel.

But God rejected Saul for his wickedness and decided to make David, a lowly shepherd boy, the next king of the nation.

If anyone had a reason to hate David, it was surely Jonathan. But he had no animosity toward the next king.

Instead, he chose to love David and the two young men became fast friends.

When Jonathan could have betrayed David, he sent him away in peace.

You may one day face a similar trial. Your boss asks you for dirt about your co-worker or a leader in your church asks for gossip about another member.

There are two ways you can respond—you can lean in and share all the details, betraying a confidence.

Or you can be like Jonathan. He spoke kindly about David to Saul and warned his friend of the coming danger.

He loved his friend more than himself.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17

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Today 30

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We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24



Today's Promise
*Mercy, peace and love be yours
in abundance. — Jude 1:2*

Today's Tasks
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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

Today's Encouragement

Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord..." — 1 Samuel 20:42

Today I Am Thankful For

Today's Prayer

God, help me to be a faithful friend when I'm tested. Like Jonathan, let me be loyal and speak well of my friends, even when they're not around. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Scripture

Colossians 1:11 (Write Out)

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Today 31

*This is the day the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it. —Psalm 118:24*



Today's Promise

*If it is possible, as far as it depends
on you, live at peace with everyone.
- Romans 12:18*

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Today's Devotion – Notes for Reflection

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Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. —Colossians 3:17*

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