

*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



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THE GIFT OF
PEACE

WEEK OF
PRAYER

What a tremendous, multifaceted gift we have been given—peace!

Jesus tells us that the peace He has given to those who trust in Him for salvation is a gift that cannot be received anywhere else. This precious gift was purchased with His own life and blood on Calvary. When Jesus took on your penalty for sin, He achieved peace with God for you. Because of Christ, we are no longer enemies of God who fear His judgment and punishment. Rather, we are sons and daughters who are dearly and forever loved by our heavenly Father.

Jesus also promises us peace—freedom from anxiety and distress—in the midst of trials, sorrows, and hard circumstances. In Him, we can have peace, even though this life is filled with tribulation.

How do we enjoy this peace when things are going all wrong? We remember that God is in control. We remember that He is trustworthy and everything that comes into our lives is under His protection and care. Finally, we remember in our heart of hearts that God is good. He has promised that He will never forsake us, never stop loving us, and never change His mind about bringing us home to heaven to spend eternity with Him.

God knows that often the greatest spiritual

blessings come wrapped in trial and sorrow. As you continue to acknowledge your trust in Him, tell Him what you need and thank Him for His work in your life. You will then enjoy His peace that passes all understanding.

As you read these verses aloud, let them be an affirmation of your trust in God and peace will come.

John 16:33 – I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

Romans 5:1 – Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us.

Philippians 4:6-7 – Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Daniel 10:19 – “Don’t be afraid,” he said, “for you are very precious to God. Peace! Be encouraged! Be strong!”

Psalms 4:8 – In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, O LORD, will keep me safe.

Psalms 29:11 – The LORD gives his people strength. The LORD blesses them with peace.

Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!

Psalms 119:165 – Those who love your instructions have great peace and do not stumble.

Isaiah 32:18 NKJV – My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Isaiah 53:5 NKJV – But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

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

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