

The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking, 2011-2012
A daily lectionary bearing witness to God's gift of peace and Christ's call to live as peacemakers



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TOGETHER, AS GOD'S CHILDREN

October 9 – Romans 12:1-8
October 10– Isaiah 2:2-4
October 11– 1 John 4:7-12
October 12– Romans 11:13-24
October 13– Colossians 3:1-11
October 14– Psalm 33
October 15– 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

TURNING SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES

October 16– Micah 4:1-4
October 17– Hosea 2:16-23
October 18– Luke 22:47-51
October 19– Amos 9:13-15
October 20– James 4:1-10
October 21– Isaiah 66:18-23
October 22– Zechariah 9:9-10

PEACE: GOD'S INTENTION FOR CREATION

October 23– Genesis 1:26-31
October 24– Ezekiel 34:25-31
October 25– Exodus 20:8-17
October 26– Romans 1:16-23
October 27– Isaiah 45:5-18
October 28– Genesis 9:8-17
October 29– Isaiah 42:5-12

RECONCILING THE WORLD

October 30– Colossians 1:15-23
October 31– Acts 17:24-31
November 1– Isaiah 56:3-8
November 2– Jeremiah 31:7-14
November 3– Isaiah 53:7-12
November 4– Isaiah 49:6-13
November 5– Acts 10:44-48

THE COST OF STRIFE AND DISOBEDIENCE

November 6– Ezekiel 7:23b-27
November 7– Matthew 21:33-46
November 8– Isaiah 33:7-9
November 9– Luke 13:31-35
November 10– Isaiah 30:8-14
November 11– Genesis 4:1-16
November 12– Malachi 2:1-12

REPENTING OF ARROGANCE

November 13– Luke 14:7-11
November 14– 1 Samuel 2:1-10
November 15– Genesis 11:1-9
November 16– Isaiah 14:12-20
November 17– Luke 18:9-14
November 18– Jonah 3:1-4:11
November 19– Psalm 100

PEACE THROUGH UPHOLDING ONE ANOTHER

November 20– Romans 15:1-13
November 21– 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
November 22– Philippians 1:3-11
November 23– 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
November 24, – 3 John
November 25– 1 Peter 4:8-11
November 26– Romans 14:13-23

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

November 27– Psalm 19
November 28– Philippians 4:4-7
November 29– Psalm 86:8-13
November 30– Psalm 95
December 1– Mark 14:22-25
December 2– Psalm 111
December 3– Jonah 2:1-10

WAITING FOR CHRIST: THE REDEEMER

December 4– Mark 1:1-8
December 5– Isaiah 63:7-9
December 6– Romans 3:21-26
December 7– Mark 5:1-20
December 8– Isaiah 65:17-25
December 9– Psalm 62
December 10– John 3:14-21

WAITING FOR CHRIST: HOPE FOR THE WORLD

December 11– Isaiah 35:1-10
December 12– Luke 1:26-38
December 13– Luke 1:39-56
December 14– John 11:1-44
December 15– Micah 5:2-4
December 16– Isaiah 40:1-5
December 17– Romans 5:1-11

WAITING FOR CHRIST: THE JUST ONE

December 18– Luke 16:19-31
December 19– Isaiah 11:1-9
December 20– John 4:7-26
December 21– Isaiah 42:1-4
December 22– Psalm 12
December 23– John 13:1-16
December 24– Jeremiah 33:14-16

THE COMING OF CHRIST: OUR PEACE

December 25– Matthew 1:18-25
December 26– Jeremiah 31:31-34
December 27– Luke 1:57-80
December 28– Isaiah 9:2-7
December 29– Luke 2:1-7
December 30– Luke 2:8-20
December 31– Luke 2:22-40

PEACE COMES TO THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

January 1– Matthew 10:40—11:1
January 2– 1 John 3:19-24
January 3– Mark 6:30-44
January 4– Matthew 14:22-33
January 5– Luke 8:40-56
January 6– John 20:19-23
January 7– Galatians 3:23-29

JESUS: THE EMBODIMENT OF SHALOM

January 8– John 1:1-18
January 9– Ephesians 1:3-10
January 10– Hebrews 1:1-4
January 11– Matthews 2:1-12
January 12– Isaiah 61:1-4
January 13– Romans 8:1-11
January 14– Revelation 11:15-18

LIVING IN A NEW AGE

January 15– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
January 16– Psalm 96
January 17– Revelation 21:1-5
January 18– Romans 8:18-25
January 19– Isaiah 61:8—62:2
January 20– 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
January 21– Isaiah 43:15-25

LIVING AS GOD'S CHILDREN

January 22– Matthew 25:31-46
January 23– Romans 13:11-14
January 24– 1 John 1:1-10
January 25– 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
January 26– Hebrews 13:1-6
January 27– Romans 12:1-2, 9-21
January 28– Ephesians 4:1-7

LIVING THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

January 29– Psalm 133
January 30– John 8:12
January 31– Zechariah 8:16-17
February 1– Philippians 2:1-11
February 2– Matthew 18:15-22
February 3– Ezekiel 37:24-28
February 4– Joel 2:28-29

SEEKING FIRST GOD'S REIGN

February 5– Luke 12:22-31
February 6– Jeremiah 1:4-10
February 7– Psalm 63
February 8– Luke 17:20-21
February 9– Matthew 10:34-39
February 10– Psalm 84
February 11– Ephesians 6:10-20

WHAT DOES GOD REQUIRE?

February 12– Micah 6:6-8
February 13– Matthew 5:17-20
February 14– 1 John 3:11-18
February 15– Ezekiel 34:17-24
February 16– Isaiah 1:12-17
February 17– Matthew 19:16-22
February 18– James 1:19-27

GOD REDEEMS US FROM OUR SIN

February 19– Luke 15:1-7
February 20– Micah 7:18-20
February 21– Luke 7:36-50
February 22– Mark 2:1-12
February 23– Jeremiah 29:10-14
February 24– Zephaniah 3:14-20
February 25– Psalm 130

PEACE IN THE MIDST OF TRIBULATIONS

February 26– John 14:25-31
February 27– Psalm 27
February 28– Matthew 4:1-11
February 29– Psalm 121
March 1– John 16:16-33
March 2– Matthew 11:28-30
March 3– Luke 12:4-7

GOD IS TO BE TRUSTED

March 4– Matthew 7:7-12
March 5– Genesis 12:1-5
March 6– Isaiah 55:6-13
March 7– Jeremiah 17:5-8
March 8– Isaiah 26:1-9
March 9– Psalm 89:1-18
March 10– Daniel 6:25-28

REPENTING OF GREED

March 11– Luke 12:13-21
March 12– Jeremiah 8:8-13
March 13– Habakkuk 2:1-17
March 14– Matthew 20:20-28
March 15– Amos 5:10-13
March 16– Ezekiel 22:23-31
March 17– Jeremiah 5:21-29

PEACE THROUGH LOVE

March 18– John 15:9-11
March 19– 2 Peter 1:3-11
March 20– Mark 12:28-34
March 21– Galatians 5:13-15
March 22– 1 Peter 1:22-25
March 23– John 13:33-35
March 24– Isaiah 54:9-10

REPENTING OF THE ILLUSION OF AUTONOMY

March 25– Deuteronomy 8:11-20
March 26– Psalm 34
March 27– 1 Peter 5:1-11
March 28– Proverbs 9:10-11
March 29– Jeremiah 7:16-26
March 30– Genesis 3:1-21
March 31– Psalm 139

PEACE THROUGH GOD'S REDEEMING ACTS

April 1– Luke 19:28-42
April 2– Ephesians 4:11-16
April 3– Mark 14:12-25
April 4– John 17:1-5
April 5– John 18:33-38
April 6– Hebrews 10:14-18
April 7– Isaiah 53:1-6

PEACE INCLUDES JUSTICE

April 8– Leviticus 19:9-18
 April 9– Isaiah 3:13-15
 April 10– 2 Samuel 12:1-15
 April 11– Psalm 82
 April 12– Amos 5:1-7
 April 13– Isaiah 59:1-19
 April 14– Ezekiel 18:5-9

CELEBRATING THE VICTORY

April 15– Mark 16:1-8
 April 16– Romans 6:1-11
 April 17– Luke 15:8-10
 April 18– Hebrews 12:1-2
 April 19– 1 Corinthians 15:3-11
 April 20– 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
 April 21– 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

HOPING IN GOD

April 22– Matthew 6:25-34
 April 23– 1 Peter 2:9-10
 April 24– 2 Peter 3:8-18
 April 25– Nahum 1:12-15
 April 26– Exodus 1:15-21
 April 27– Revelation 3:15-22
 April 28– Isaiah 62:10-12

GOD GIVES THE GIFT OF PEACE

April 29– Romans 8:31-39
 April 30– Psalm 90
 May 1– John 15:12-17
 May 2– Ephesians 1:15-23
 May 3– Isaiah 40:9-11
 May 4– 1 John 3:1-3
 May 5– Jeremiah 33:1-9

PEACEMAKING AND EVANGELIZING

May 6– Isaiah 52:7-12
 May 7– Psalm 40:1-10
 May 8– 2 Timothy 4:1-5
 May 9– Luke 9:59-62
 May 10– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6
 May 11– Acts 2:40-42
 May 12– Isaiah 6:1-8

STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS

May 13– John 14:15-24
 May 14– Psalm 85
 May 15– Luke 16:10-13
 May 16– 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 May 17– 1 John 4:13-21
 May 18– Psalm 103:1-5
 May 19– 1 Timothy 6:11-16

PEACEMAKING IN THE COMMUNITY

May 20– Jeremiah 29:4-7
 May 21– Luke 14:12-14
 May 22– Matthew 15:10-20
 May 23– Mark 6:1-6
 May 24– Hebrews 12:12-17
 May 25– 2 Kings 22:14–23:3
 May 26– Luke 6:32-36

PRAISE THE LORD!

May 27– Psalm 148
 May 28– Isaiah 40:18-26
 May 29– Revelation 4:1-8
 May 30– Isaiah 12:1-6
 May 31– Daniel 4:1-3
 June 1– Isaiah 25:1-5
 June 2– Psalm 98

POURING OUT THE SPIRIT

June 3– Acts 2:1-21
 June 4– Matthew 3:11-12
 June 5– Acts 2:22-39
 June 6– Hebrews 1:5-14
 June 7– Acts 2:40-47
 June 8– Matthew 12:15-21
 June 9– Acts 9:1-19

WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOD'S REIGN

June 10– Luke 8:1-3
 June 11– Philemon
 June 12– Romans 16:1-16
 June 13– Acts 11:1-18
 June 14– Acts 11:19-30
 June 15– 1 Corinthians 12:27-30
 June 16– Philippians 4:2-3

EXPERIENCING PEACE THROUGH HEALING

June 17– Luke 17:11-19
 June 18– Mark 8:22-26
 June 19– Luke 6:17-19
 June 20– Mark 1:21-28
 June 21– Mark 6:53-56
 June 22– Matthew 4:23-25
 June 23– Matthew 9:35—10:1

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH

June 24– Psalm 46
 June 25– Isaiah 40:27-31
 June 26– Mark 4:35-41
 June 27– Psalm 18:1-19
 June 28– Isaiah 57:11-21
 June 29– Psalm 2
 June 30– Psalm 91

REPENTING FALSE SECURITY

July 1– Luke 12:32-34
 July 2– Jeremiah 14:13-16
 July 3– Deuteronomy 7:6-11
 July 4– Isaiah 31:1-3
 July 5– Ezekiel 13:8-16
 July 6– Matthew 3:7-10
 July 7– Luke 3:1-14

LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN

July 8– Amos 5:21-24
 July 9– Luke 4:14-21
 July 10– Micah 2:1-5
 July 11– Amos 6:4-7
 July 12– Jeremiah 7:1-7
 July 13– Deuteronomy 16:18-20
 July 14– Micah 3:5-12

PAYING THE PRICE FOR PEACE

July 15– Luke 10:1-12
 July 16– Mark 13:3-13
 July 17– Mark 8:34—9:1
 July 18– Matthew 8:18-22
 July 19– Acts 26:1-32
 July 20– 2 Corinthians 11:24-33
 July 21– Deuteronomy 30:15-20

JOINING RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PEACE

July 22– Isaiah 26:7-12
 July 23– Amos 5:14-15
 July 24– James 3:13-18
 July 25– Isaiah 32:1-8
 July 26– Proverbs 16:7-8
 July 27– Isaiah 33:5-6
 July 28– Psalm 106:1-3

JESUS' ALTERNATE WAY

July 29– Matthew 5:3-12
 July 30– Matthew 5:21-22
 July 31– Matthew 5:38-42
 August 1– Matthew 5:43-48
 August 2– Matthew 7:1-5
 August 3– Matthew 10:26-33
 August 4– Luke 6:37-38

FAITH AS FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

August 5 – Luke 7:1-10
 August 6– Philippians 3:1-11
 August 7 – Matthew 15:21-28
 August 8 – 1 Peter 1:3-9
 August 9 – Matthew 9:18-31
 August 10 – Ephesians 3:14-21
 August 11– James 1:2-6

PEACEMAKING IN ONE'S OWN LIFE

August 12– Psalm 37:1-7
 August 13– John 14:1-3
 August 14– Proverbs 3:1-8
 August 15– Psalm 42
 August 16– Joshua 22:1-6
 August 17– 1 Kings 8:56-61
 August 18– Psalm 4

CONFLICT RESOLUTION

August 19– Acts 15:1-35
 August 20– Matthew 5:21-24
 August 21– Proverbs 24:28-29
 August 22– Luke 6:29-30
 August 23– Proverbs 19:11
 August 24– Galatians 6:1-5
 August 25– Luke 6:27-28

PEACEMAKING AT HOME AND CHURCH

August 26– Mark 10:13-16
 August 27– 1 Corinthians 12:4-13
 August 28– Genesis 45:1-15
 August 29– Luke 10:38-42
 August 30– Ruth 1:1-18
 August 31– 1 Corinthians 13
 September 1– Galatians 5:22-26

EXPERIENCING GRACE AS PEACE

September 2– Luke 15:11-32
 September 3– 2 Corinthians 4:7-12
 September 4– Exodus 6:1-7
 September 5– Psalms 51:10-14
 September 6– Hebrews 13:20-21
 September 7– Romans 8:12-17
 September 8– Genesis 50:15-21

BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION

September 9– Matthew 7:24-27
 September 10– Acts 10:34-43
 September 11– Deuteronomy 6:1-9
 September 12– Isaiah 55:1-5
 September 13– Deuteronomy 10:12-22
 September 14– Joshua 1:7-9
 September 15– Isaiah 59:20-21

TEACHING THE GOOD NEWS OF PEACE

September 16– Luke 10:25-37
 September 17– Deuteronomy 6:20-25
 September 18– James 2:14-26
 September 19– Matthew 28:16-20
 September 20– Isaiah 48:17-19
 September 21– 1 Corinthians 12:4-12
 September 22– Mark 6:7-13

ESTEEMING EACH OTHER

September 23– 1 John 2:7-11
 September 24– Mark 2:13-17
 September 25– James 4:11-12
 September 26– Romans 2:1-11
 September 27– Ephesians 4:25—5:2
 September 28– Amos 8:4-8
 September 29– Romans 13:8-10

BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS OF HOSTILITY

September 30– Ephesians 2:12-22
 October 1– 1 Corinthians 12:14-16
 October 2– 1 Peter 3:8-12
 October 3– Psalm 67
 October 4– Colossians 3:12-17
 October 5– Romans 3:27-31
 October 6– James 2:1-9

Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Though Jesus Christ, God restores our relationship and has granted 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?

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