

*A gift of*

# peace

The **Methodist** Church 

# Inner Peace

A smile is the beginning of peace.

*Mother Teresa (1910-1997)*



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Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

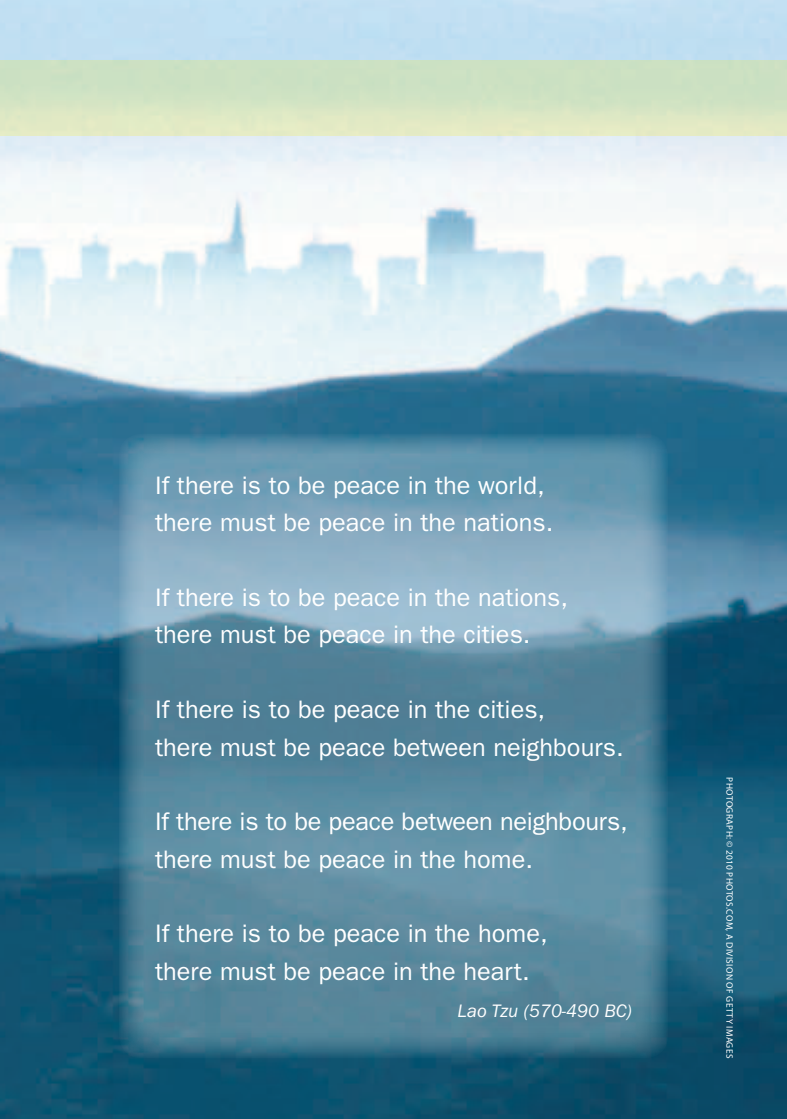
*Psalm 85:8 (NRSV)*

First keep peace  
with yourself, then  
you can also bring  
peace to others.

*Thomas a Kempis  
(1380-1471)*

Go placidly amid the  
noise and the haste, and  
remember what peace  
there may be in silence.

*From Desiderata Max Ehrmann  
(1872-1945)*



If there is to be peace in the world,  
there must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,  
there must be peace in the cities.

If there is to be peace in the cities,  
there must be peace between neighbours.

If there is to be peace between neighbours,  
there must be peace in the home.

If there is to be peace in the home,  
there must be peace in the heart.

*Lao Tzu (570-490 BC)*

# Personal Peace

I do not want the peace which passes understanding,  
I want the understanding which brings peace.

*Helen Keller (1880-1968)*

Peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek,  
but a means by which we arrive at that goal.

*Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)*

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If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten  
that we belong to each other.

*Mother Teresa (1910-1997)*

Peace may sound simple  
- one beautiful word - but  
it requires everything we  
have, every quality, every  
strength, every dream,  
every high ideal.

*Yehudi Menuhin  
(1916-1999)*

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While you are  
proclaiming peace with  
your lips, be careful to  
have it even more fully in  
your heart.

*St Francis of Assisi*

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Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as  
the world gives. Do not  
let your hearts be  
troubled, and do not let  
them be afraid.

*John 14:27 (NRSV)*

Deep peace of the  
    running wave to you,  
deep peace of the  
    flowing air to you,  
deep peace of the  
    quiet earth to you,  
deep peace of the  
    shining stars to you,  
deep peace of the  
    gentle night to you,  
moon and stars pour  
    their healing light on you.  
Deep peace of Christ,  
    the light of the world to  
    you,  
deep peace of Christ  
    to you.

*Traditional Celtic blessing*

# Peace...and **war**

Those who are at war with others are not at peace with themselves.

*William Hazlitt (1778-1830)*

There never was a good war or a bad peace.

*Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)*

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.  
Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.  
Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.  
Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.  
Peace is dynamism. Peace is generosity.  
It is right and it is duty.

*Oscar Romero (1917-1980)*



I prefer the most  
unfair peace to the  
most righteous war

*Cicero (106-43 BC)*

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For everything there is  
a season,  
and a time for every matter  
under heaven:

... a time to love, and a  
time to hate;  
a time for war, and a  
time for peace.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1,8 (NRSV)*

Lest we forget,  
O God of love,  
remind us how hateful  
is the panoply of war;  
let us recall the errors  
now behind us,  
firm in our pledge to  
tread that path no more.

*Michael Forster*

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# Peace for the **world**

We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.

*William E Gladstone (1809-1888)*

I believe that to meet the challenges of our times, human beings will have to develop a greater sense of universal responsibility. Each of us must learn to work not just for oneself, one's own family or nation, but for the benefit of all humankind. Universal responsibility is the key to human survival. It is the best foundation for world peace.

*Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama*

The structure of world peace cannot be the work of one man or one party or one nation. It must be a peace which rests on the cooperative effort of the whole world.


*Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945)*





All we are saying is give peace a chance...

*John Lennon (1940-1980)*



Peace comes from being able to contribute the best that we have, and all that we are, toward creating a world that supports everyone. But it is also securing the space for others to contribute the best that they have and all that they are.

*Hafsat Abiola  
(Human and civil rights campaigner)*

Spirit of peace,  
come to our waiting world,  
throughout the nations,  
may your voice be heard.  
Unlock the door of hope,  
for you hold the key;  
spirit of peace, come to our world.

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Let them turn away from evil and do good;  
let them seek peace and pursue it.

*1 Peter 3:11 (NRSV)*

# Working for peace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

*Matthew 5:9 (NRSV)*

One little person, giving all of her time to peace, makes news. Many people, giving some of their time, can make history.

*Peace Pilgrim (1908-1981)*

[www.peacepilgrim.com](http://www.peacepilgrim.com)



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This vision of peace is ours from above; it springs from the heart of a crucified love.

Deride it, defeat it, it shames our despairs, how blest are peacemakers, God's kingdom is theirs!

*Fred Pratt Green*

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**There are hundreds of organisations working for peace – these are just some of them:** **The Methodist Peace Fellowship (MPF) – [www.mpf.org.uk](http://www.mpf.org.uk)** *The MPF are committed to the way of love and rejection of violence, to reverence for life and respect for every human person as a child of God. They believe that the Church should be God's peace movement, and that we are called to accept, to live in, and to witness to, the peace of Christ.* **World Peace Campaign – [www.worldpeacecampaign.co.uk](http://www.worldpeacecampaign.co.uk)** *Their aims include creating an international organisation committed to campaigning for and achieving world peace through the involvement of ordinary human beings.* **Network for Peace – [www.networkforpeace.org.uk](http://www.networkforpeace.org.uk)** *Network for Peace was set up to continue the work of the National Peace Council, one of the oldest peace organisations in the UK.* **Network of Christian Peace Organisations(NCPO) – [www.ncpo.org.uk](http://www.ncpo.org.uk)** *NCPO is a UK-based ecumenical network committed to peace as central to the meaning of church community.* **Peace Direct – [www.peacedirect.org](http://www.peacedirect.org)** *Their mission is to fund local people who are working for peace in their communities.* **The Peace Museum – [www.peacemusuem.org.uk](http://www.peacemusuem.org.uk)** *This is the only museum in the UK dedicated to the collection, conservation, and interpretation of material relating to the history and development of peace, nonviolence and conflict resolution.*

# The **International** Day of Peace

[www.internationaldayofpeace.org](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org)

The International Day of Peace (Peace Day) provides an opportunity for individuals, organisations and nations to create practical acts of peace on a shared date. It was established by a United Nations resolution in 1981. In 2002 the General Assembly officially declared 21 September as the permanent date for the



International Day of Peace. Peace Day has grown to include millions of people in all parts of the world, and each year events are organised to commemorate and celebrate the day. Events range in scale from private gatherings to public concerts and forums where hundreds of thousands of people participate.

Peace is one of humanity's most precious needs.  
It is also the United Nations' highest calling.

*UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon*

There are many organisations working to support the day, such as: **International Day of Peace Vigil -**

**www.idpvigil.com** Their aim is to encourage worldwide, 24-hour spiritual observations for peace and nonviolence on the International Day of Peace, in every house of worship and place of spiritual practice, by all religious and spiritually based groups and individuals, and by all men, women and children who seek peace in the world.

The World Council of Churches has called on churches to make this a day of prayer for peace, and to include prayers for peace in their services on the Sunday before or after. The Joint Public Issues team produce resources for Peacemaking Sunday at **www.jointpublicissues.org.uk/peacemakingsunday**



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# Peace with God

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Romans 15:13 (NRSV)*

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Thus saw I that God is our very Peace, and He is our sure Keeper when we are ourselves in unpeace, and He continually worketh to bring us into endless peace.

*Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)*

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But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

*Ephesians 2:13-14 (NRSV)*

Peace be to this habitation;  
peace to all that dwell therein;  
peace, the earnest of salvation;  
peace, the fruit of pardoned sin;  
peace that speaks the heavenly giver,  
peace to wordly minds unknown;  
peace divine that lasts forever;  
peace that comes from God alone.

*Charles Wesley  
(1707-1788)*

Make me an instrument of  
your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me  
sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon:  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope  
where there is darkness,  
light  
where there is sadness,  
joy

*Adapted from the  
Peace Prayer of St Francis*


Now may the Lord  
of peace himself  
give you peace at  
all times in all ways.  
The Lord be with all  
of you.

*2 Thessalonians  
3:16 (NRSV)*





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