

The Biblical Witness to Peacemaking, 2013-2014

A daily lectionary bearing witness to God's gift of peace and Christ's call to live as peacemakers



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THE WORD OF CREATION

October 6– Genesis 1:1-3
October 7– Job 38:1-4
October 8– Jeremiah 10:12-16
October 9– Psalm 134
October 10– John 1:1-5
October 11– Colossians 1:15-20
October 12– Revelation 1:8-20

CREATION PRAISES GOD

October 13– Leviticus 2:1-3
October 14– Job 38:4-11
October 15– Jeremiah 31:1-9
October 16– Psalm 148
October 17– John 1:6-9
October 18– Romans 11:33-36
October 19– Revelation 4:1-8

THE MAJESTY OF GOD IN CREATION

October 20– Genesis 2:1-4
October 21– Job 38:12-18
October 22– Jeremiah 51:15-19
October 23– Psalm 104
October 24– John 1:10-14
October 25– Romans 16:25-27
October 26– Revelation 4:9-11

HARMONY IN CREATION

October 27– Genesis 1:4-31
October 28– Job 38:19-38
October 29– Jeremiah 5:20-25
October 30– Psalm 19
October 31– John 1:15-18
November 1– Colossians 3:5-11
November 2– Revelation 5:1-6

CREATION SUSTAINS ALL LIFE

November 3– Genesis 2:4b-17
November 4– Job 38:39-41
November 5– Jeremiah 31:23-26
November 6– Psalm 8
November 7– John 2:1-11
November 8– Ephesians 1:8b-12
November 9– Revelation 5:7-14

CREATION THREATENED

November 10– Genesis 3:1-7
November 11– Exodus 7:14-24
November 12– Jeremiah 4:23-28
November 13– Psalm 1
November 14– John 3:1-8
November 15– Romans 8:14-25
November 16– Revelation 6:1-8

CREATION GROANS

November 17– Genesis 3:8-24
November 18– Exodus 10:8-15
November 19– Jeremiah 2:4-13
November 20– Psalm 75
November 21– John 3:9-12
November 22– Romans 8:18-25
November 23– Revelation 6:9-17

CREATION RENEWED

November 24– Genesis 8:15-22
November 25– Leviticus 25:1-7
November 26– Jeremiah 31:31-37
November 27– Psalm 126
November 28– John 3:13-21
November 29– Romans 8:31-39
November 30– Revelation 21:1-4

HOPE FOR THE LAND

December 1– Genesis 8:1-14
December 2– Leviticus 25:18-28
December 3– Jeremiah 14:1-13
December 4– Psalm 65
December 5– John 4:31-38
December 6– James 5:7-11
December 7– Revelation 22:1-2

SHARING THE EARTH WITH OTHER CREATURES

December 8– Genesis 9:8-17
December 9– Exodus 23:4-5
December 10– Hosea 2:14-23
December 11– Psalm 145
December 12– John 2:13-22
December 13– James 3:1-12
December 14– Revelation 22:6-10

CREATION IS FOR COMMUNITY

December 15– Genesis 11:1-9
December 16– Leviticus 25:35-38
December 17– Isaiah 56:1-8
December 18– Psalm 100
December 19– John 4:1-15
December 20– James 3:13-18
December 21– Revelation 22:3-5

OUR ETERNAL HOPE: A NEW CREATION

December 22– Genesis 15:1-6
December 23– Leviticus 25:8-12
December 24– Isaiah 65:17-25
December 25– Psalm 93
December 26– John 4:43-54
December 27– 1 Peter 1:1-5
December 28– Revelation 21:22-27

THE LORD OF CREATION COMES

December 29– Isaiah 9:2-7
December 30– Leviticus 26:3-6
December 31 – Isaiah 51:12-16
January 1 – Psalm 24
January 2– John 6:16-21
January 3– 1 Peter 1:8-12
January 4– Revelation 22:16-21

THE LIFE OF CREATION SHINES

January 5 – Genesis 15:7-18
January 6– Leviticus 24:1-4
January 7– Isaiah 60:1-18
January 8– Psalm 97
January 9– John 8:12-20
January 10 – 2 Peter 1:16-19
January 11– 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

LET THE HUNGRY BE FED

January 12– Genesis 21:9-21
January 13– Leviticus 26:10-11
January 14– Isaiah 49:8-13
January 15– Psalm 111
January 16– John 6:1-15
January 17– 1 Corinthians 16:1-4
January 18– 2 Corinthians 9:1-15

LET JUSTICE ROLL LIKE WATERS

January 19– Genesis 26:16-25
January 20– Leviticus 26:12-13
January 21– Amos 5:21-24
January 22– Psalm 10
January 23– John 7:37-39
January 24– 1 Corinthians 6:1-6
January 25– 2 Corinthians 5:5-11

LET THE POOR HEAR GOOD NEWS

January 26– Genesis 28:10-22
January 27– Leviticus 14:21-32
January 28– Amos 5:10-15
January 29– Psalm 72
January 30– John 7:25-31
January 31– Galatians 2:8-10
February 1– 2 Corinthians 8:1-9

LET THE PRISONER GO FREE

February 2– Genesis 31:1-21
February 3– Jeremiah 38:1-13
February 4– Isaiah 61:1-4
February 5– Psalm 107
February 6– John 8:1-11
February 7– Acts 5:17-42
February 8– Colossians 4:2-4

LET THE BLIND SEE

February 9– Genesis 32:22-32
February 10– Leviticus 19:14
February 11– Isaiah 29:15-21
February 12– Psalm 146
February 13– John 9:1-12, 35-41
February 14– Acts 9:1-19
February 15– Romans 1:16-23

LET THE SICK BE HEALED

February 16 – Genesis 33:1-11
February 17– Leviticus 14:1-9
February 18– Isaiah 57:14-21
February 19 – Psalm 41
February 20– John 5:1-14
February 21– Acts 5:12-16
February 22– James 5:13-18

LET THE CHILDREN COME

February 23– Genesis 35:9-15
February 24– Deuteronomy 4:7-14
February 25– Isaiah 29:22-24
February 26– Psalm 128
February 27– Matthew 15:21-28
February 28– Acts 2:38-42
March 1– Ephesians 6:1-4

PEACE THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING

March 2– Genesis 35:1-4
March 3– Deuteronomy 9:12-29
March 4– Isaiah 58:3-12
March 5– Psalm 51
March 6– John 11:1-44
March 7– 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28
March 8– Ephesians 6:10-20

PEACE THROUGH WORSHIP

March 9– Genesis 35:5-8
March 10– Deuteronomy 10:17-22
March 11– Daniel 3:1-30
March 12– Psalm 29
March 13– John 12:1-8
March 14– Acts 2:43-47
March 15– Colossians 3:12-17

PEACE THROUGH WISDOM

March 16– Deuteronomy 4:1-6
March 17– Proverbs 12:15-25
March 18– Isaiah 11:1-9
March 19– Psalm 90
March 20– John 12:20-26
March 21– 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
March 22– Colossians 1:1-14

PEACE THROUGH REST AND RESTORATION

March 23– Genesis 40:1-15
March 24– Deuteronomy 5:12-15
March 25– Isaiah 63:7-14
March 26– Psalm 55
March 27 – John 12:27-36
March 28– Galatians 6:1-5
March 29– Hebrews 4:1-11

PEACE THROUGH RECONCILIATION

March 30– Genesis 38:1-30
March 31– Deuteronomy 21:1-9
April 1– Isaiah 55:6-13
April 2– Psalm 32
April 3– John 13:1-10
April 4– 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 5– Romans 5:1-11

PEACE THROUGH SERVICE

April 6– Genesis 41:37-57
April 7– Deuteronomy 10:12-22
April 8– Isaiah 42:1-9
April 9– Psalm 92
April 10 – John 13:11-20
April 11– 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
April 12– Colossians 4:7-18

PEACE THROUGH SUFFERING

April 13 – Genesis 45:1-8
April 14– Deuteronomy 26:1-11
April 15– Isaiah 53:1-12
April 16– Psalm 4
April 17– John 19:16-37
April 18– 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
April 19– Hebrews 2:11-18

PEACE THROUGH RESURRECTION

April 20– John 20:1-23
April 21– Deuteronomy 30:1-6
April 22– Isaiah 62:1-12
April 23– Psalm 150
April 24– John 21:1-14
April 25 – 1 Corinthians 15:35-44
April 26 – Revelation 14:1-5

PEACEMAKING THROUGH AGRICULTURE

April 27– Leviticus 23:15-22
April 28– Deuteronomy 24:19-22
April 29– Ruth 2:1-23
April 30 – Psalm 67
May 1– Luke 12:16-21
May 2– 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
May 3– James 5:1-6

PEACEMAKING IN HOUSING

May 4– Lamentations 5:1-22
May 5– Proverbs 17:1, 13
May 6– Isaiah 58:6-9
May 7– Psalm 84
May 8– Mark 13:32-37
May 9– Acts 16:11-15
May 10– 1 Peter 4:7-11

PEACEMAKING IN BUSINESS

May 11– Job 29:1-25
May 12– Proverbs 31:10-31
May 13– Micah 6:7-16
May 14– Psalm 112
May 15– Matthew 6:24-34
May 16– Acts 5:1-11
May 17– 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

PEACEMAKING IN FAMILIES

May 18– Judges 13:1-25
May 19– Deuteronomy 24:5
May 20– Proverbs 3:1-35
May 21– Psalm 127
May 22– Matthew 12:46-50
May 23– Acts 16:28-34
May 24– 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

PEACEMAKING IN RELATIONSHIPS

May 25– Deuteronomy 16:9-12
May 26– Ruth 3:1-18
May 27– Isaiah 25:1-9
May 28– Psalm 113
May 29– Luke 7:36-50
May 30– Acts 4:32-37
May 31– I John 4:7-12

PEACEMAKING AMONG RACES

June 1– Deuteronomy 24:14-15
June 2– 1 Kings 17:8-16
June 3– Jeremiah 7:1-7
June 4– Psalm 46
June 5– Mark 7:24-30
June 6– Hebrews 13:1-3
June 7– Revelation 7:9-17

PEACEMAKING IN THE CHURCH

June 8– Ezekiel 37:1-14
June 9– Zechariah 8:1-13
June 10– Isaiah 32:9-20
June 11– Psalm 133
June 12– Mark 10:35-45
June 13– Acts 6:1-7
June 14 – Romans 16:1-27

PEACEMAKING IN THE SCHOOLS

June 15– Deuteronomy 11:18-21
June 16– Ecclesiastes 12:1-14
June 17– Nehemiah 8:1-12
June 18 – Psalm 119:1-16
June 19– Luke 4:16-30
June 20– Titus 2:1-15
June 21– 1 Timothy 1:1-11

PEACEMAKING IN LABOR

June 22 – Exodus 5:1– 6:1
June 23– Deuteronomy 26:12-15
June 24– Nehemiah 4:1-23
June 25– Psalm 81
June 26 – Matthew 7:24-27
June 27– Acts 19:23-41
June 28 – James 2:14-26

PEACEMAKING IN THE ARTS

June 29– Exodus 35:20-29
June 30– 2 Chronicles 4:11-22
July 1– Ezekiel 17:1-15
July 2– Psalm 47
July 3– Matthew 26:26-30
July 4– Ephesians 5:18-20
July 5– Revelation 21:9-21

PEACEMAKING IN GOVERNMENT

July 6– 2 Samuel 23:1-7
July 7– 1 Kings 21:1-29
July 8– Jeremiah 22:13-17
July 9– Psalm 2
July 10– Luke 19:1-10
July 11– Acts 26:24-32
July 12– Romans 13:1-7

PEACEMAKING IN WARTIME

July 13– 1 Samuel 24:1-22
 July 14– Isaiah 30:1-5
 July 15– Jeremiah 32:1-15
 July 16– Psalm 68:1-6
 July 17– Mark 13:1-13
 July 18– Romans 8:31-39
 July 19 – Revelation 13:1-10

PEACEMAKING IN LAW

July 20– Exodus 20:1-17
 July 21– 2 Kings 22:3-13
 July 22– Isaiah 59:1-16
 July 23– Psalm 119:113-128
 July 24– Matthew 7:12-14
 July 25– Acts 15:22-35
 July 26– Romans 3:21-31

PEACEMAKING IN EVANGELISM

July 27– Exodus 4:19-31
 July 28– Proverbs 25:25
 July 29– Jeremiah 30:10-22
 July 30– Psalm 40:1-11
 July 31– Matthew 11:2-6
 August 1– Acts 10:34-48
 August 2 – Romans 10:14-17

PEACEMAKING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

August 3– Ezra 1:1-11
 August 4– Micah 4:1-4
 August 5– Jeremiah 29:1-14
 August 6– Psalm 96
 August 7– Matthew 25:31-46
 August 8– Ephesians 2:11-22
 August 9– Philippians 4:21-23

THE GRACE OF PEACE

August 10– 2 Chronicles 32:22-23
 August 11– Judges 6:11-24
 August 12– Micah 5:2-5
 August 13– Psalm 23
 August 14– Luke 1:46-55
 August 15– Romans 8:10-11
 August 16– Philippians 1:1-2

THE JOY OF PEACE

August 17– Proverbs 21:13-15
 August 18– 2 Chronicles 30:22-27
 August 19– Zechariah 9:9-10
 August 20– Psalm 37:1-11
 August 21– Luke 1:67-80
 August 22– Romans 15:22-33
 August 23– 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13

THE BLESSING OF PEACE

August 24– Proverbs 14:29-31
 August 25– Esther 10:3
 August 26– Daniel 10:4-10
 August 27– Psalm 85
 August 28– Luke 2:25-38
 August 29– Romans 15:7-13
 August 30– 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

THE LOVE OF PEACE

August 31– Deuteronomy 10:10-15
 September 1– 1 Kings 4:24-25
 September 2– Zechariah 8:14-19
 September 3– Psalm 30
 September 4– Luke 10:1-9
 September 5– Ephesians 6:23-24
 September 6– 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

THE HOPE OF PEACE

September 7– Isaiah 40:27-31
 September 8– Proverbs 10:28—13:12
 September 9– Jeremiah 17:5-13
 September 10– Psalm 9
 September 11– Luke 24:13-35
 September 12– Romans 12:9-13
 September 13– 1 Peter 3:13-17

IMAGES OF PEACE

September 14– Isaiah 60:19-22
 September 15– Hosea 11:1-4
 September 16– Song of Songs 1:8-17
 September 17– Psalm 120
 September 18– Luke 2:1-12
 September 19– Mark 10:13-16
 September 20– Hebrews 12:12-24

SONGS OF PEACE

September 21– 2 Chronicles 5:1-14
 September 22– Isaiah 54:11-13
 September 23– Song of Songs 8:5-10
 September 24– Psalm 34
 September 25– Luke 2:13-14
 September 26– Philippians 2:6-11
 September 27– Revelation 4:1-11

CELEBRATE PEACE

September 28– Ezekiel 34:25-31
 September 29– Isaiah 52:7-12
 September 30– Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
 October 1– Psalm 48
 October 2– John 2:1-11
 October 3– Philemon
 October 4– Hebrews 13:20-21

Peacemaking is a central declaration of the gospel. Through Jesus Christ God restores our relationship and offers 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?

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