

## World Peace:

James 3:17-18 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. (NIV)



*The kingdom of heaven, Jesus said, belongs to the poor, the meek, the peacemakers, the merciful, and those who hunger and thirst for God. It advances not through power and might, but through missions of mercy, kindness, and humility. In this kingdom, many who are last will be first and many who are first will be last. The rich don't usually get it, Jesus said, but children always do. This is a kingdom whose savior arrives not on a warhorse, but a donkey, not through triumph and conquest, but through death and resurrection. This kingdom is the only kingdom that will last. (Rachel Held Evans, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*)*

How might you pray for peace to flood our world right now?  
How might you be active for peace right now?

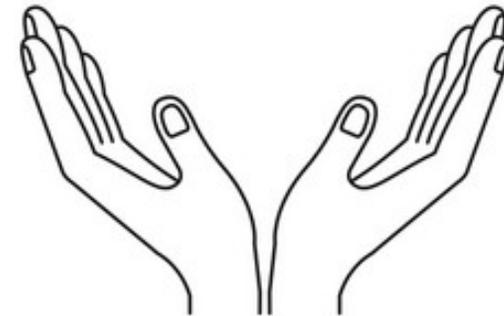
God, I invite you to grow peace deep within our world right now...

## Peace Prayers – Wayside Friends

***Now may the God of peace give you peace at all times and in every way. May God be with all of you.***

### Individual Peace:

Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV)



*For everything unresolved in us, may You be the smallest reflection in a muddy puddle until the mess becomes clear. For all of us longing for someone to walk beside us, may we recognize You with in us. For all of us believing perhaps for just eight minutes a week that we might be worthy of love, may You crank it up to nine. (Pastor Emmy Kegler, emmykegler.com)*

How might you pray for peace to flood your heart, mind, soul, body, and emotions right now?

God, I invite you to grow peace deep within me...

## Relational Peace:

2 Corinthians 13:11-12 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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. (NIV)



*Lord, Lord, Open Unto Us*

*Open unto us — light for our darkness.  
Open unto us — courage for our fear.  
Open unto us — hope for our despair.  
Open unto us — peace for our turmoil.  
Open unto us — joy for our sorrow.  
Open unto us — strength for our weakness.  
Open unto us — wisdom for our confusion.  
Open unto us — forgiveness for our sins.  
Open unto us — tenderness for our toughness.  
Open unto us — love for our hates.  
Open unto us — thy Self for our self.  
Lord, Lord, open unto us! Amen.*

(Howard Thurman, *Meditations of the Heart*, p. 188, adapted)

How might you pray for peace to flood your relationships right now?

God, I invite you to grow peace deep within the connections I have with people around me...

## Community and Country Peace:

Romans 12:17-19 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. (NIV)



*O Lord, open my eyes  
that I may see the needs of others;  
open my ears that I may hear their cries;  
open my heart so that they need not be without relief;*

*Let me not be afraid to defend the weak  
because of the anger of the strong,  
nor afraid to defend the poor  
because of the anger of the rich.  
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,  
and use me to bring them to those places.  
And so open my eyes and my ears  
that I may this coming day be able  
to do some work of peace for thee.  
Amen. (Alan Paton)*

How might you pray for peace to flood our community and country right now?

God, I invite you to grow peace deep within this community and our country right now...