

Prayer Space 15

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John 14:27

I leave my peace with you. I give my peace to you.

I do not give it to you as the world does.

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

And do not be afraid.

We pray-

Lord, give us your peace;

Help us to accept the peace you give.

May your peace soak up our thoughts, flood our feelings, still our bodies, fill this place.

In your peace let us relax now, accepting ourselves and each other as you are accepting us.

Lord give us your peace.

Song

To be in your presence,

to sit at your feet,

where your love surrounds me,

and makes me complete:

This is my desire, O Lord,

this is my desire.

This is my desire, O Lord,

this is my desire.

2 To rest in your presence,

not rushing away,

to cherish each moment --

here I would stay.

This is my desire, O Lord,

this is my desire.

This is my desire, O Lord,

this is my desire.

Gospel reading: Mark 4: 35-41 Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." ³⁶ They left the crowd behind. And they took him along in a boat, just as he was. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A wild storm came up. Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink. ³⁸ Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him up. They said, "Teacher! Don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Don't you have any faith at all yet?"

⁴¹ They were terrified. They asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

Take a few moments to ponder the reading

A time of prayer

Enfolded in the beauty of peace let us pray to the Lord.

For those full of anger, resentment and bitterness;

A moment of quiet....

Lord, fill them with your peace.

For those who feel pressured, overworked and underappreciated;

A moment of quiet....

Lord, fill them with your peace.

For those who feel burdened with guilt and long for forgiveness;

A moment of quiet....

Lord, fill them with your peace.

For those caught up in wars and political unrest, and who live in constant fear;

A moment of quiet....

Lord, fill them with your peace.

For the desperately lonely, who feel unwanted and unloved;

A moment of quiet....

Lord, fill them with your peace.

God of peace, flow through us and use us as channels of your peace.

Song:

Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace
Far away in the depths of my spirit tonight,
rolls a melody sweeter than psalm.
In celestial-like strains it unceasingly falls
o'er my soul like an infinite calm

Peace, peace. Wonderful peace
Coming down from the father above.
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray
in fathomless billows of love.

What a treasure I have in this wonderful peace
buried deep in the heart of my soul.
So secure that no power can mine it away
while the years of eternity roll..

Peace, peace. Wonderful peace
coming down from the father above.
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray
in fathomless billows of love.

I am resting tonight in this wonderful peace,
resting sweetly in Jesus control.
for I'm kept from all danger by night and by day
and his glory is flooding my soul.

Peace, peace. Wonderful peace
coming down from the father above.
Sweep over my spirit forever I pray
in fathomless billows of love.

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