

What's God Got to Do with It?

Let there be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, we are family.*
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me. Let this be the moment now.
Which every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.



Our prayer is characterized by silence ~

Be still and know that I am God!

In that silence we listen for a new word.
God is present in all our lives.
God cares for us, and
our life experiences are a source
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence
we share from our hearts.

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“I pray that through the riches of Christ’s glory, your inner being will be strengthened so that by the power of the Spirit you may be rooted and grounded in love.” Ephesians 3:17

I don’t want to be impatient, Lord,
but can you hurry up with the rooting?
The words in Ephesians are passive:
being rooted, being grounded, being strengthened.
Is this a project you have on your “to do” list somewhere?
Is it an essential part of the infrastructure of faith
that has been left unattended for way too long?

When we imagine what our world might be like if we were
rooted and grounded in love rather than in rights, privilege, or
the worldly stuff that we think is going to save us,
our minds reel with possibilities:
the divisions we see melt away;
hate harbored in our hearts dissipates;
justice becomes our passion and our hope.
Equality, respect, and dignity will follow, of course.

I don’t want to be impatient, Lord,
but can You hurry up and root us in love?
We’re in a mess right now: the foundation is cracking,
and the ground is shaking.
It’s time to start construction on a new way of being.

You’d better get busy.
Please, Lord, I really don’t want to seem impatient.
Amen

Reading: Isaiah 45:15-25

Truly within your midst God is hidden:
the God of Israel, the God of all creation,
the God of every race and people and nation.

This hidden God, who makes no distinctions,
allows the human heart to judge
the worthiness of human flesh and blood
by the color of skin or by the thoughts one thinks in secret.

Now hear this: The Lord speaks:
I have spoken my word before all creation:
to bind you as one people living in my promise of justice;
my dream for your peace.

Turn to me and be safe. Offer safety to all people
for I desire to be the end of all fears and
the glory of every human heart.



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