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Peace

Peace with God, peace of mind, and peace between people — three meanings Scripture holds together.

JOHN 14:27

Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you; not as the world gives, I give to you. Don't let your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful.

Jesus distinguishes His peace from the world's: it is given, not achieved, and it is meant to steady a troubled heart.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6–7

In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

Peace here follows prayer with thanksgiving, and it "guards" — Paul uses a military word — rather than explains. It is not promised as understanding but as protection.

ISAIAH 26:3

You will keep whoever's mind is steadfast in perfect peace, because he trusts in You.

A song from Isaiah links peace to a mind that stays fixed on God — trust as the steadying point.

ROMANS 5:1

Being therefore justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ;

Paul's foundational sense of peace: not a feeling but a restored relationship with God.

NUMBERS 6:24–26

'The LORD bless you, and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His face toward you, and give you peace.'

The priestly blessing ends with peace — in Hebrew, shalom: wholeness, well-being, nothing missing.

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PSALM 4:8

In peace I will both lay myself down and sleep, for You alone, LORD, make me live in safety.

An evening psalm: peace as the ability to lie down and sleep because safety rests with God.

MATTHEW 5:9

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

Peace is also something people make between one another; the Beatitudes call peacemakers children of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:15

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body, and be thankful.

Peace is to "rule" in a community's life together, connected to gratitude.

JOHN 16:33

I have told you these things, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have trouble; but cheer up! I have overcome the world."

Jesus promises peace alongside trouble, not instead of it — an honest promise.

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