

## BBC Devotional Guide for June 14-20, 2020

**Sunday:** *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6 NIV)* Long before Jesus was born the prophet Isaiah said that He would be called the “Prince of Peace”. When the angels announced the birth of Christ they spoke of “peace on earth”. Our world today desperately needs the peace that only Jesus can bring. Pray that God will use His truth, His Spirit and His people to bring more peace on earth in our day.

**Monday:** *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27 NIV)* Peace is a topic that bookends the life of Christ. He is born into the world with an announcement of peace by the angels. As He prepares to leave the world, He gives the gift of peace to his disciples. How is the peace that Jesus gives different from the peace the world offers us? How can we experience this peace?

**Tuesday:** *“The Lord said to Moses, Tell Aaron and his sons, ‘This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: ‘The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.’”* In the Old Testament, peace was evidence of God’s blessing. The greatest joy for God’s people was when God turned His face toward them. This was a symbol of God’s loving attention and involvement in their lives. Pray today that God will turn His face toward you and give you His peace.

**Wednesday:** *“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Romans 5:1 NIV)* Why do we need peace with God? Because every person who comes into this world is born at odds with God. We are sinners and we need a Savior—that’s why Jesus came to our world. He came and lived the perfect life we were incapable of living and then he offered his life as a sacrifice for our sins. Thank God for the peace that is possible through the sacrifice of Christ.

**Thursday:** *“If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.” (Romans 12:18 NIV)* Jesus came to our world so that we could live at peace with others. There are benefits for handling conflict God’s way: greater understanding and a closer relationship. The very thing that threatens to damage or destroy a relationship can bring two people closer together if they are both willing to deal with problems God’s way—with humility, truth, love and forgiveness.

**Friday:** *“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7 NLT)* This passage gives us practical advice for dealing with anxiety: tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done for you. What can you be thankful for? What do you need from God today?

**Saturday:** *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” (Romans 15:13 NIV)* God wants us to experience peace as we trust Him and share the path to peace with others. Who do you know that needs to experience God’s peace by trusting Jesus with their life? How can you get to know them better so that you can talk to them about God’s path to peace?

