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## Dear Friend,

It's that time of year when we often gather together to celebrate and share special moments of the season. It's also a time of anticipation and waiting. Waiting for Christmas Day and the coming of Jesus to our world.

In John 10:10\* Jesus says, **“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”**

What a Saviour! What a promise! The kind of life Jesus offers to each of us is full of hope, peace, joy and love. We look forward to spending a few quiet moments with you this Advent season as we reflect on these themes together.

Gather with us daily, weekly or even just occasionally over the next few weeks to celebrate the gift of Scripture. Experience moments of calm and connection as we wait for Jesus. Stay a little longer to ponder a reflection question or share hope, peace, joy and love with others.



Waiting with you,

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*\*All Scripture is NIV unless otherwise noted*

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Second Sunday  
of Advent

Peace is such an appealing concept, isn't it? A restful state of being and a silent space in the midst of the busyness. A calm that exists in the eye of any storm.

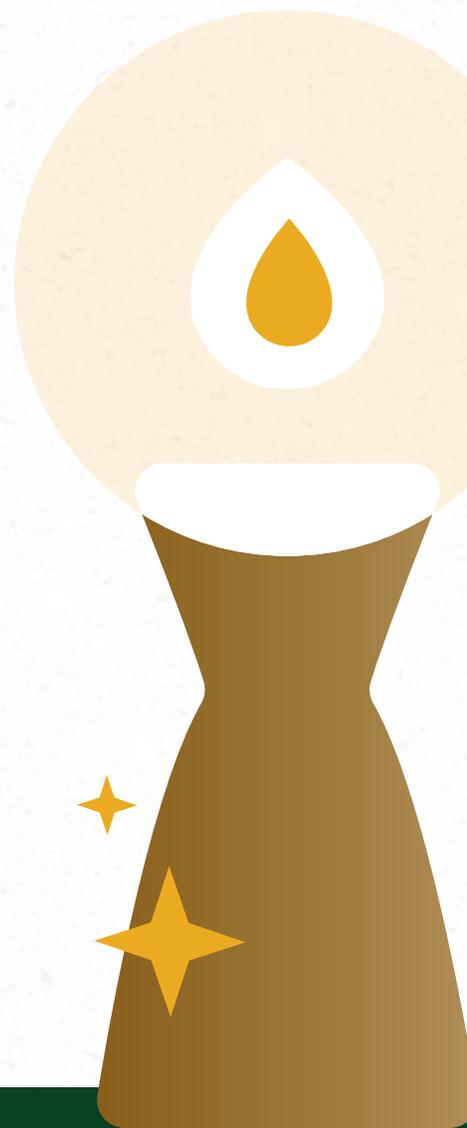
As the tasks, commitments and noise of Christmas swirl around you, breathe deep the peace of Jesus found at the centre of the Advent season.

Remember, He came to offer full life to each of us (John 10:10). A life transformed by His peace that is bigger than any trouble or anxiety or fear from the world around us.

This week we hope to help you rest in the peace of Jesus. Let's sit awhile and find a calm, silent space together.

### **Let's pray together:**

Prince of Peace, thank you that we can so easily come to you and find rest for our souls this Advent season. As we continue to wait in celebration of your coming to the world, help us find the blessings in the busyness and the peace in the preparations. In Jesus' name, Amen.



### **Ponder this week:**

Where do you find peace? Which people, places, songs or words bring you to a place of rest in Jesus? Linger in those places when you can.

How can you bring peace to a busy or troubled heart this Advent season?

*peace* ✦ **Sunday, December 7**

**Verse**

I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. - John 16:33

**Reflect**

“Take heart!” Jesus says to us. He knows there will be trouble in our lives, but His words offer us peace, rest and calm in dealing with our struggles. We can believe, with confidence, that Jesus has the victory over whatever we face in this world.

Where do you need to “take heart” this Advent season? Picture giving it to Jesus and feel the weight of it lift from your life.

✦ **Monday, December 8**

**Verse**

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. - Isaiah 26:3

**Reflect**

Perfect peace finds its source in Jesus. It goes beyond our circumstances and grounds itself in trusting Him with the things in our lives. When we focus on who Jesus is—our Saviour and Messiah—we take one step closer to the perfect peace He offers.

What does perfect peace look like to you? Write down a few descriptive words and put them on your fridge as a reminder during Advent.



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**Verse**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.  
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16

**Reflect**

“All times” and “in every way” and “all of you”—these words remind us of the omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence of our “Lord of peace!” He is **always** with **all** of us in **all** things. There is nothing He can’t do, nowhere He can’t be and no one that He leaves out.

Consider closing your eyes for a moment and imagining the Lord of peace himself handing you a special gift today—giving you the peace He offers to everyone, everywhere.

✦ **Wednesday, December 10**

**Verse**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. - Colossians 3:15

**Reflect**

Peace is something we have to actively allow in our hearts and our relationships with others. Gratitude is a big part of finding peace in Jesus; thankfulness for what He has done for us and all He’s brought to our lives.

Consider starting a gratitude journal and listing at least one thing you are thankful for in your life each day.



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**Verse**

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. - Philippians 4:6-7

**Reflect**

We're getting even closer to the calm in the storm in this verse. Anxiety steals our peace, and ridding ourselves of it is no small feat. Thank God for His reassurance that, as we pray and give our concerns to God, He will trade them in for His peace. This peace can protect us from anxiety as we focus on Jesus.

Take a few moments to talk with God about the concerns in your heart today. Present them to God, remembering that He cares about "every situation." Thank Him for His peace that is beyond comprehension. Rest in His promise to guard your heart and mind in Jesus.



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**Verse**

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

**Reflect**

Peace in our world is often thought of as a lack of violence, war or aggression. These situations cause great trouble and fear for those involved. God's peace can be felt even in the most unlikely circumstances. He is ready to give if we are ready to receive.

What is the difference between the peace of the world and the peace of God? How can you accept the gift of God's peace this Advent season?

✦ **Saturday, December 13**

**Verse**

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. - Romans 12:18

**Reflect**

As we gather with friends and family this Advent season, we can bring the peace of God with us wherever we go. We can allow this peace into our conversations and celebrations, so that it spreads over our homes, our churches and our communities.

Is there a person, place or event that could use a special dose of God's peace this Christmas? Ask God to show you how you can spread His peace to someone this week.





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In John 10:10 Jesus says, **“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”**

Thank you for joining us in waiting and focusing on Hope, Peace, Joy and Love this Advent season.

Our hope is that your gatherings and celebrations during the past weeks showed you glimpses of the “full life” Jesus offers to each one of us.

Did you find some quiet moments amidst the busyness?

Was your heart calmed and refreshed by spending a few moments with this devotional?

We’d love to hear from you at [intercede@wycliffe.ca](mailto:intercede@wycliffe.ca).

If you haven’t already, please [share with us](#) a favourite Bible verse. We’ll highlight a few of them in future Wycliffe Canada publications!



Celebrating with you,

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