

5 Day Devotional Guide

We Proclaim Peace

Day 1: The Message of Peace

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14, John 14:27

Devotional: Jesus came to bring peace - not just as a concept, but as a tangible reality. The angels proclaimed His birth as good news of great joy, bringing peace on earth. Later, Jesus Himself promised to give us His peace, different from what the world offers. Today, reflect on areas of your life where you need Christ's peace. Are you troubled or afraid? Remember that Jesus offers His peace as a gift. How can you open your heart to receive this peace today? Pray for God to fill you with His supernatural peace that surpasses understanding.

Day 2: Encountering the Risen Christ

Scripture: Luke 24:36-43

Devotional: The disciples were terrified when Jesus appeared, thinking they had seen a ghost. But Jesus invited them to touch Him and see His wounds, even eating with them to prove His physical resurrection. Sometimes our faith can feel theoretical or distant. We may doubt God's presence or power in our lives. Today, consider how Jesus makes Himself tangible to you. Where have you seen evidence of His work in your life? How has He proven Himself real to you? Thank Him for the ways He has revealed Himself, and ask Him to increase your faith in His living presence.

Day 3: Understanding God's Word

Scripture: Luke 24:44-45, John 14:26

Devotional: Jesus opened the disciples' minds to understand the Scriptures, showing how He fulfilled prophecy. He also promised the Holy Spirit would teach us and remind us of His words. As you read the Bible, do you sometimes struggle to understand or apply it? Today, before you read, pray for the Holy Spirit to illuminate God's Word for you. Ask for wisdom and insight. As you study, look for connections between Old and New Testaments, and ways Scripture points to Jesus. Thank God for His Word and the Spirit's guidance in understanding it.

Day 4: Empowered Witnesses

Reading: Luke 24:46-49, Acts 1:8

Devotional: Jesus commissioned His disciples to be witnesses, but told them to wait for the Holy Spirit's power. Our calling as Christians is to share the good news of repentance and forgiveness in Jesus' name. But we're not meant to do this in our own strength. Today, consider your witness for Christ. Do you feel inadequate or afraid to share your faith? Remember that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in you through the Holy Spirit. Pray for boldness and opportunities to share how Christ has brought peace to your life. Ask the Spirit to empower your witness.

Day 5: New Creation and Reconciliation

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

Devotional: In Christ, we are new creations. The old has gone, the new has come! God has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus and given us the ministry of reconciliation. We are Christ's ambassadors, entrusted with the message of peace. Today, reflect on how God has made you new. What "old things" has He helped you leave behind? How has He restored broken pieces in your life? Thank Him for His transforming work. Then consider your role as His ambassador. How can you represent Christ and His message of reconciliation in your spheres of influence today? Pray for God to use you as an instrument of His peace.