
Give Peace, O God

Scripture Companion

*“The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.”
— Numbers 6:25-26 (NIV)*

These scriptures accompany the intercessory worship song Give Peace, O God. Each passage grounds the song's urgent, hopeful prayer in the living Word of God. Use this guide for personal devotion, small group study, or as a resource for prayer gatherings.

GOD OF LOVE — KING OF PEACE

1 John 4:16 (NIV)

God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

Not merely what God does — but what He is. The foundation of the entire prayer.

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

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.

The Messiah's title — Prince of Peace — is the name behind this entire song.

John 14:27 (NIV)

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.

The peace Jesus gives is of an entirely different order — it holds even when circumstances do not change.

THE ROOT OF WAR — AND GOD'S POWER TO RESTRAIN IT

James 4:1-2 (NIV)

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You desire but do not have, so you kill.

The root of conflict is not merely political — it is the unchecked human appetite for more.

Psalms 46:9 (NIV)

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the shields with fire.

God has both the authority and the power to silence war — this is not wishful thinking but prophetic truth.

LET YOUR PRESENCE FALL DOWN

Isaiah 64:1 (NIV)

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

The urgent, desperate prayer for God to break through — the chorus carries this same urgency.

Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

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.

The ancient Aaronic blessing — God's presence and His peace always arrive together.

Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God's peace surpasses human logic — it holds even when the world remains in turmoil.

REMEMBER YOUR WONDERS — HOPE FOR TODAY

Psalms 77:11-12 (NIV)

I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

When we cannot see God moving now, we anchor ourselves in His faithfulness then.

Psalms 25:7 (NIV)

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, Lord, are good.

The prayer is made from repentance, not self-righteousness — remember not our sins' dark stain.

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'

Spoken into exile — even in ruins, God speaks hope over His people.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)

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.

Hope is not vague optimism — it is a confident expectation grounded in God's character.

YOU SPOKE — AND LIGHT BROKE THROUGH

Genesis 1:3 (NIV)

And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light.

God spoke creation into being — the same voice can speak peace into our darkness.

Mark 4:39 (NIV)

He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

The One who stills storms with a word — the bridge asks this same Jesus to speak now.

PEACE AND JUSTICE TOGETHER

Isaiah 32:17 (NIV)

The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.

True, lasting peace cannot be separated from justice — one produces the other.

Psalms 85:10 (NIV)

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

The beautiful vision of a world where justice and peace are inseparable.

Isaiah 2:4 (NIV)

They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

The prophetic vision the song is praying toward — no more war, sorrow, or tears.

COME, PRINCE OF PEACE — REIGN AGAIN

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV)

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. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.

The reign of the Prince of Peace is coming — and it will have no end.

Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

The final vision — the song prays toward this reality, asking its light to break into the present.

Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let your holy love, O God, reign again — this is the love that cannot be defeated.

THE MANDATE TO PRAY FOR PEACE

1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NIV)

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people — for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

Praying for peace is not optional for the people of God — it is a first priority.

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

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

God's people are called not just to pray for peace, but to actively pursue it.

Come, Prince of Peace. Come reign again.

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