

A Peacemaker's Prayer

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"A primary qualification for serving God with any amount of success, and for doing God's work well and triumphantly, is a sense of our own weakness." C. H. Spurgeon

Oh Lord God, today I am called to be a peacemaker, but I am unfit for the task.

By nature I am a peace-faker and a peace-breaker, so I myself need help.

Others ask me to understand and guide them, but my ears are dull, my eyes are dim, and I lack the wisdom they need.

But you, Lord, have all they need, so I come to you for supply.

Make me fit for your purposes, so I might serve them and honor you.

Cleanse me from my own sin, so I will not add to their problems; take the logs from my eyes, so I can remove the specks from theirs.

Fill me with your Spirit, so they may benefit from your fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Give me wisdom from above, so I might be pure and peace-loving, considerate and submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

Open your Word to my eyes and to my heart, so I will have a steady lamp to light our path.

Strip me of my own agenda and desires, so I might look only to others' good and be absolutely worthy of their trust.

Help me to model everything I teach, so others can see the way.

Give me humility to admit my weaknesses and confess my wrongs, so others might do the same.

Draw me again and again into prayer, where you can strengthen and correct me.

Make me submissive -- help me to show that I myself am under authority.

Help me to treat others as I want to be treated, so they may see the essence of your Law.

Make me creative, versatile, and adaptable, so I can adjust to the surprises ahead.

Help me to accept others as you have accepted me, and thus bring praise to your name.

Give me faith and perseverance, so I will not doubt your provision or abandon your principles, even when others fight against them.

Grant me the gift of encouragement, to give others hope and to help them believe that our labor is not in vain.

Help me to model your forgiveness, so relationships are healed and your Gospel is revealed.

Grant me discernment, so that I may read the deep waters of others' hearts, sort fiction from fact, and know when it's time to act.

Give me boldness and courage, tempered with kindness, to confront others in love, so they might see their errors and find their way back to you.

Help me to prepare thoroughly and not presume upon your grace.

Make me just and fair, so that even if people disagree with my counsel they will believe that I treated them well.

In short, Father, please give me the Spirit of Christ so that I might walk in his steps and guide your people into the path of your peace