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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

🎵 Recommended Hymn: *Silent Night*

## Read

### Isaiah 26:3

You, LORD, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you.

### Ephesians 2:12–22

... You were apart from Christ. You were foreigners and did not belong to God's chosen people. You had no part in the covenants, which were based on God's promises to his people, and you lived in this world without hope and without God. But now, in union with Christ Jesus, you who used to be far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For Christ himself has brought us peace by making Jews and Gentiles one people. With his own body he broke down the wall that separated them and kept them enemies. He abolished the Jewish Law with its commandments and rules, in order to create out of the two races one new people in union with himself, in this way making peace. By his death on the cross Christ destroyed their enmity; by means of the cross he united both races into one body and brought them back to God. So Christ came and preached the Good News of peace to all—to you Gentiles, who were far away, and to the Jews, who were near to him. It is through Christ that all of us, Jews and Gentiles, are able to come in the one Spirit into the presence of the Father.

So then, you Gentiles are not foreigners or strangers any longer; you are now fellow citizens with God's people and members of the family of God. You, too, are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus himself. He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

## Reflect

On Christmas Eve, let us remember that peace is not found in perfect circumstances but in a perfect Savior. The world into which Jesus was born was filled with unrest and division. Yet on that quiet Bethlehem night, heaven announced the arrival of the Prince of Peace.

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Isaiah reminds us that peace begins when we fix our minds on God and trust him completely. Through Jesus, this peace is not merely emotional calm. It is reconciliation with God himself. The separation caused by sin is overcome through Christ's sacrifice, and now those who were once far from God are brought near.

Paul's words to the Ephesians reveal that Jesus's peace also breaks down barriers between people. The walls that divide—race, background, status, and sin—are torn down through his love. In Christ, we are one family, united by the same grace and called to share that peace with others.

This Christmas Eve, let your heart rest in the peace that only Jesus can give. No matter the tension or noise around you, the one who calmed storms and reconciled the world to God still reigns in your heart today.

## Dig Deeper

- Read **John 14:27**. How does God's promise of peace affect your attitude as you prepare to enter a new year? What fears does this promise silence in your heart?
- What is one situation where you need Christ's peace right now? Pray and ask God to fill your heart with his perfect peace.

## Pray

*Lord Jesus, you are my Prince of Peace. Thank you for reconciling me to the Father through your blood and for breaking down the walls that once divided us. Teach me to keep my mind and heart focused on you, that I may experience your perfect peace. Help me to live as a peacemaker in my family, my community, and my world. May your peace guard my thoughts, calm my fears, and fill me with gratitude this Christmas. In your holy name I pray, Amen.*

