

# Canticle of Peace

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Peace, fall like a gentle snow.

Peace

Fall fresh on the wounded heart.  
Come blanket our ev'ry fear  
And let the healing start.  
Cover ev'ry anxious thought,  
And all our fears erase.  
May we know the tender touch  
Of love's redeeming grace.

Hope, come like a silver star.

Hope

Shine down on our solemn night.  
May you lead to a golden dawn  
And morning's promised light.  
Let shadows of violence vanish.  
Let us find tomorrow's sure embrace.  
May we know the tender touch  
Of love's redeeming grace.



Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Dona nobis pacem. (Grant us peace) Dona nobis pacem.

Peace

(men'chorus)

Peace

(men'chorus)

Et in terra pax hominibus. Bonae voluntatis. (and on earth peace to all mankind) (repeat with men's chorus)

Hope

Dona nobis pacem (Grant us peace)

Peace

Peace fall like a gentle snow. ← (repeat 3 times) PEACE.

Peace

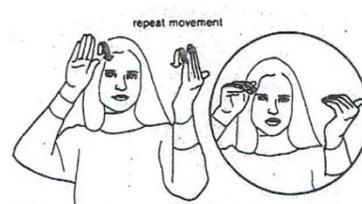
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## PEACE



Beginning with the palms of both open hands together at angles, right hand over the left in front of the chest, twist the wrists in opposite directions to reverse the positions. Then move the open hands, palms facing down, downward with a smooth movement to in front of each side of the body. **Hint:** Shows a quieting effect over everything.

## HOPE



With the open right hand near the right side of the head and the open left hand somewhat forward, palms facing each other, bend the fingers downward toward each other with a repeated movement. **Hint:** Taking a thought and looking for it in the future.

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## Becoming a Person of Peace Devotional

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Peace with God is only found at the foot of the cross whereas peace within is achieved through obedience to the word of God. Once you have accepted Christ and have found peace with the Lord, the next step is to learn to walk in the peace that is a fruit of righteous living.

Living a life of peace is a choice. Nothing can rob you of your peace--you freely relinquish it when you allow your circumstances to cloud your vision and cause you undue concern. God wants peace to be the fabric of your being and to encompass every aspect of your life. He wants you to learn to trust His heart even when you cannot trace His steps.

True peace is a calm assurance coupled with a quiet joy that God has your life under control and that He is continuously yet mysteriously working to accomplish His purpose. God knows your unfulfilled desires, your broken dreams, your disappointments, and your defeats. He can bring about peace in your life in the midst of these challenges and He longs to do that for you today.

Simply pray for God to grant you the perspective you need on your circumstances and ask for His help to maintain your reliance on Him and dependence on His power despite the difficulty you are facing. Studying His word and allowing it to transform you will enable you to find that peace He longs to give you. **Philippians 4:6-7** says, *"Do not be anxious for anything but in everything, 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 minds in Christ Jesus."*

**Psalm 31:15** says, *"My times are in your hands."* Your life is under God's watchful care so you can rest under the shadow of His wings. He wants to fill your life with even greater peace--so that it may overflow into the lives of others. You are His vessel sent into the world to be a channel of His love and grace. Keep your life plugged into the true Power Source, for it is only there that you will discover the refreshing and revitalizing peace that awaits those who rest in His presence.

*All Bible verse quotations on this page are from the New International version.*



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