

## THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE ALWAYS WITH US

*(A brief meditation on how we pray in The Episcopal Church  
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Our worship is filled with references to **PEACE**.  
We promise to strive for justice and **PEACE**,  
We address our Lord as the God of **PEACE**,  
We pray in **PEACE**,  
    for the **PEACE** from above,  
    for the **PEACE** of the world,  
    for the **PEACE** and unity of the Church,  
    that all may live in joy, **PEACE**, and health,  
    that we be led in the paths of **PEACE**,  
    that we may serve God in unity, constancy, and **PEACE**.  
    that all will honor the Prince of **PEACE**.  
We exchange God's **PEACE** with each other,  
We ask to be guided in the ways of justice and **PEACE**,  
We sing, "Lord you now have set your servant  
    free to go in **PEACE**."  
We remember all who have died in the **PEACE** of Christ,  
We pray that the souls of the departed may rest in **PEACE**,  
We are blessed with the **PEACE** of God which passes  
    understanding,  
We are sent forth to go in **PEACE** and  
We ask the Lord to make us instruments of **PEACE**.

To become God's **PEACEMAKERS** in a world and culture of violence,  
We need help, encouragement, and effective tools.

### Participating in the Episcopal Peace Fellowship

can help us to become who we are called to be,  
can prod and equip us  
    "this and every day,  
    to live more nearly as we pray."

