

Daily Devotion For December 11, 2021

“And He shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace.**” Isaiah 9:6

In the Christmas Classic “White Christmas” Bing Crosby sings, “May your days be Merry and Bright, and may all your Christmases be white.” During this Christmas and Advent season, we hope and pray that our days would be Merry and Bright, but inside our hearts are often breaking. I think of Helen Nakano who I visited on Tuesday who is mourning and grieving the passing of her daughter Susan. I know of others who are facing health issues, financial issues, relational issues and so on. For many, we long for peace but it often seems so far off.

For many, we look to people and things to bring us peace, but often find that these things don’t really satisfy. The world around us is longing for peace. Peace on earth, Peace in our hearts, Peace in our homes.

The night Jesus was born in Bethlehem, peace came to earth in the form of a baby. He brought a peace that people had never known before. Peace with God and the Peace of God. As we celebrate His birth and await His return, we must continue to pray for peace.

At Christmas we remember that Jesus came to bring peace. Jesus spoke often about peace in the scriptures. In John 14:27 he says, “Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Your heart must not be troubled or fearful.”

**Thought For Today:** If you don’t feel at peace turn your focus upon the one who is the Prince of Peace. As you prepare your heart for the Advent of Jesus, may He fill you with all peace as you pursue Him. Keep your eyes fixed on Him, no matter what may come. He longs to bring peace to each of us.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Thank God that He is the Prince of Peace. Pray that God will fill your heart with His peace today. Anyone else come to mind that you can pray that they would know peace with God and the peace of God? Deo Volente.