

The risen Jesus gives
us peace.

verse for the week

Jesus said to
them again,
"Peace be with
you. As the Father
has sent me, so
I send you."

JOHN 20:21

Caring Conversations

share your highs
and lows of the
day, or respond
to the following
questions:

1

How do you
generally feel
each morning?
With more
peace? Or more
worry?

2

When Jesus
appeared to his
disciples he said
'peace be with
you'. What did
that mean? What
does it mean for
you?

3

How does the
resurrection
make a difference
in your life?



Devotions

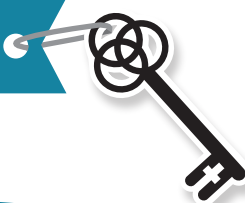


Daily Bible Readings

S	John 20:19-31	Jesus appears to the disciples
M	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
T	1 John 1:1-2:2	The word of life
W	John 14:23-31	Jesus speaks of peace
T	Romans 5:1-11	We have peace with God
F	Philippians 4:4-9	The God of peace be with you
S	Psalms 133	The blessing of unity
S	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to his disciples

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase
was important to you as you read these verses?

Rituals and Traditions



PRAYER

Dear Risen
Christ, replace
our worries with
peace, our fears
with courage, and
our unbelief with
faith. Amen.

BLESSING

May you believe
that Jesus is the
Messiah, the
Son of God and
may you have
life in his name.

Creative Response

There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign
of peace with one another in public worship as
a physical expression of the peace God gives to
us through Jesus. It connects directly to Jesus'
greeting his disciples in the resurrection. That public
greeting also extended to personal greetings.

Romans 16:16 refers to Christians greeting each
other with a "holy kiss."

Decide with others on a sign of peace
that you can share together in daily
life, such as a special handshake, hug,
or kiss.

As you share this sign bless each other
by saying, "The peace of the Lord
Jesus be with you."

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Risen Lord Jesus, you give us food for the body
and peace for the soul. May faith be our way
and love be our goal. Amen.

Service



Acts 4:32-35 says that
the first followers of Jesus
shared their belongings
with one another and
made sure that no
fellow Christians were in
need. The power of the
resurrection had changed
their understanding of
what they owned and
how they cared for each
other. This response is a
confession of faith and a
commitment to love your
neighbour as yourself.
Consider everything you
own as a loan from God
to love others. How might
that influence your actions
today?