



Collective worship 14.9.20

This week's theme is 'Peace'.

Peace

The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed around the world each year on 21 September. Established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations resolution 36/37, the General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to ***“commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples.”***

What does the Bible say?



Time to think..
Why does the UN think an international day of peace is important?
What is peace?
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<https://youtu.be/OZjzbYi8d5U>

Watch the clip



Let us pray

Prayer for Peace

Peace go with you.
God's quiet within the noise.
God's hope within uncertainty.
God's rest within the toil.
God's presence within your soul.
Peace go with you.

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Amen

Symbols of peace



What does the Bible say?



After forty days Noah opened a window he had made in the ark and sent out a raven, and it kept flying back and forth until the water had dried up from the earth. Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth.

This story is from a type of writing called 'myth'. The symbolism is the most important thing.

Noah represents those who trust and follow God.
The flood represents sin.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FDNsCHugYt4>

Time to think...

Why do you think the dove is a symbol of peace?

What about the Rainbow?



Lord we pray for faith to trust
You even when things seem
too difficult to bear.

Fill our hearts and minds with
your deep and lasting peace

Amen

Let us pray:

Be peacemakers



<https://youtu.be/5dTIFBrTslc>

What does the Bible say?



Retaliation

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, ^[h] let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Watch the clip:

Why does Colin Parry say he developed an amicable relationship with Martin Mc Guinness?

What does this teach us about peace and forgiveness.

Jesus will judge between many peoples and
render decisions for mighty, distant nations

THEN

They will hammer
their swords into
plowshares and
their spears into
pruning hooks

MICAH 4:3

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Let us pray,
that we will seek peace in
every situation.

That we will not quench the
wavering flame or break the
bent reed.

We will work to build peace in
our homes, our lives and our
world.

Amen

Let us pray: