

Pathways Monthly Prayer Readings
December 2022



Wed. November 23, 2022
Lectio Divina

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."
For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your good. Psalm 122:7-9 NRSV

Nobel Peace Prize recipients on sections of former Berlin Wall -- Victor Landeta aka Aum



Thurs. November 24, 2022

Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers ...
Peace be within you. Psalm 122, 7-8 NRSV
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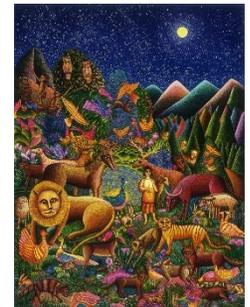
Psalm 122

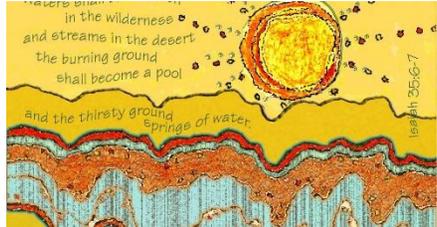
I was glad when they said to me,
Let us go to a sacred place
A place where the divine is
to give thanks.
Though I know
That God is everywhere, I go gladly.
I pray for peace, here and in all the places of earth.
Peace in Jerusalem, peace in Baghdad,
peace in Albuquerque.
Peace and Justice. Peace for my friends,
peace for my adversaries.
I seek what is good for all for the sake of Peace.
-Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World

Wed. November 30, 2022
Lectio Divina

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding...
The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them. - Isaiah 11:1-2,6 NRSV

Peaceable Kingdom, John August Swanson



<p>Thur. December 1, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May the Righteous One defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.-Psalm 72:3-4 NRSV</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 72 May those in power in the world rule with justice and righteousness. May the poor be rescued, the oppressors crushed, and your love reign from generation to generation. The nations together will establish prosperity for all and wisely use the fruits of the earth. Then will their promise be fulfilled— The nations will be blessed and blessings Serving the One whose creation this is. Blessed Be. -Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World</p>
<p>Wed. December 7, 2022 Lectio Divina</p>	<p>The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God...he will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped...then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. -Isaiah 35:1-2, 4-7 NRSV</p> 
<p>Thur. December 8, 2022 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free. OR Psalm 146 Hallelujah! I sing praises to the Holy One I attend to the silent, invisible God beyond and within-- a stable force amidst all that changes. I put my trust in God And try to fathom Love. You, who are nature—I see you in the glorious beauty of the earth You, who are justice—I see that you prompt us to feed the hungry, and deal fairly with the powerless. You, who are compassion—I hear your call to care for the sick, the stranger, the bereaved, and the lost. Your love blesses us all. Hallelujah! -Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World</p>

<p>Wed. December 14, 2022</p>	<p>...she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.</p> <p>Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.</p> <p>...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus..."</p> <p>All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." - Matthew 1:18-24 NRSV</p> <p>Messenger of Peace Barbara Pearson Manchester, England</p> 
<p>Thur. December 15, 2022</p>	<p>Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. Psalm 80:3NRSV OR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Psalm 80</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hear me, O God, for I am missing you Restore in me the light of your Presence. Hear my prayers. Heed the cry of my open heart. You nourished a seed growing there— prepared the ground and planted it. It grew large enough to fill the whole landscape! But now—the busy boar has ravaged it The beasts of doubt have fed on it. The slings and arrows are outrageous. Look upon your servant, O God— Help me tend and preserve my ravaged heart. Let your hand be on me—whom you once called to you and made strong. Give my faith life again, so I can Call on your name with a whole heart. Hear my prayers—heed the cry of my open heart. -Christine Robinson, Psalms for a New World</p>
<p>Wed. December 21, 2022</p>	<p>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined...For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:2,6 NRSV</p>

And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 NRSV

"Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10b, 11 NRSV

So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. Luke 2:16



Churinga – Pure Light, Glory of God Frank Wesley

Thur. December 22, 2022

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy, at the presence of the One who comes. -Psalm 96 NRSV

Psalm 96 (Christmas Eve)
Sing a new song to the Holy One
with all the names and none.
Proclaim our joy and thanksgiving
for creation, for life, for growth, for love.
Turn your face to the light.
rejoice in God.

Worship God in the beauty of holiness
let the whole earth tremble in awe.

Call out—
There's this beautiful world
and all the life in it.
and there's the rule of law in our hearts
and Love at the heart of it All.

The heavens rejoice
The earth dances
The seas roil with life
The fields are glad
The trees of the wood shout for joy.
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