

# God with Us

## Day 27 PEACE IN EVERY WAY

**Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you.**

**(2 Thessalonians 3:16)**

Are we living in the most peaceful time ever in human history? There is a lot of data to make a good case that we are. Far fewer of us die of homicide and violence than ancient people and those in the Middle Ages. Yet our headlines are still filled with news of atrocities, and we are one madman's impulsive strike away from mass destruction on a scale never before experienced on earth. Even at our most peaceful, humanity still suffers from far too much destruction – not to mention the ravages of other forms of anti-peace, such as depression, anxiety, and general discontentment.

We need peace in so many different ways! The Apostle Paul's blessing to the Thessalonians could not be any more appropriate for us today: "May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way" (2 Thessalonians 3:16). Thank God that His peace is transcendent to bring wholeness in every way to our hearts, our lives, our relationships, our nations, and our entire world. The Prince of Peace has no limits on what and how He can heal and restore, and one day we will see Him restore His perfect peace to everything we know. This is what we wait expectantly for during Advent. This is who we celebrate. Let peace reign in our hearts and lives now and forever!

***What type of peace do you think of most? What type do you need the most? What can you do to be a peacemaker in some form at this time of year?***