

# PEACE

## ADVENT PASSAGE OF FAITH TO READ LUKE 2:8-21



### Activity

Think of issues around the world (e.g. wars, conflicts, natural disaster) or of a recent event (e.g. fire, terrorist attack), or to think about other situations that you are aware of. Alternatively use the Open Doors Prayer resource by [CLICKING HERE](#):

Ask – How do you feel? What do you think? Who needs peace in this situation? Write a word or two about one of these events in the middle of a paper square, and then add a prayer for peace around the word/s. If you want to you can draw or write a thought or prayer around the edges. Now remember the words of the Angels, “*Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.*” Lift the situation to God ask His mercy and favour to be on those people or situation you are reflecting on and His peace to come.

### Prayer of Peace

*We pray for peace in our world: that all people may live free from violence, in safety and security, and with hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy bring your healing peace. We pray for all people who are working to build peace in their communities: that they may inspire others by their example and be strengthened to carry on, even in the hardest times. Lord, in your mercy bring your strengthening peace.*

*We pray for all people who have been affected by violence as they rebuild their lives: that they may find it in their hearts to move forwards in peace and forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy bring restorative peace.*

*We pray for our local community: that we may be bearers of peace. Lord, in your mercy make us carriers of Your peace.*

*Amen.*

### Repentance Prayer

*Father God, forgive me for those times when I have not be a pursuer of peace but instead have been a contributor to the unrest in this world through my sinful actions. I repent of my sins that I have committed against you and my brothers and sisters. Create in me a clean heart, renew a steadfast spirit in me, let me walk in the grace, in the gospel of peace you extend to me. Amen*

### Salvation Prayer

*Lord Jesus, we thank You that You are our Prince of Peace. Because of Your sufferings Lord we can know peace everlasting. Lord in this good news enable us to be those who*

*strive for the things which bring peace, that build up and keep in peace through our trust in You. Amen*