

Quotations on Peace from the Goldsmith Global 2023 Advent Calendar

<p>DAY 1</p> <p>“There is a way to peace, and it is the way of love. It is the true seekers after God who will be instrumental in bringing peace on earth, because the love of God and the peace that passeth understanding dwells in their hearts. Wherever there is love, there also is peace and harmony. In the degree, therefore, that we, as students of The Infinite Way, consciously entertain spiritual peace and love within us, do we bring these to fruition on earth.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 2</p> <p>“Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.” (Isaiah 26:3)</p> <p>“You will have perfect peace when you keep your mind focused on the <i>I</i> of your being, your true identity, its nature and function.” ~ Joel</p>
<p>DAY 3</p> <p>“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)</p>	<p>DAY 4</p> <p>“The presence of God is a ‘peace be still’. . . to every type of storm. There are more storms than ever were on the seas; there are more storms in our thought than oceans ever caused. But the Christ is a ‘peace be still’ to every form of storm, to every form of discord, to every nature of inharmony.” ~ Joel</p>

<p>DAY 5</p> <p>“My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth.’ Wherever we go, whether in the office, at the market, or in our home, we take that peace into our consciousness and carry it with us throughout the day. Wherever we go, we carry this message silently and secretly: ‘My peace I give unto you, the Christ-peace.’ . . . We are releasing the Christ, and as we learn to let that flow out from the <i>I</i> of our being, everyone who comes in contact with us will know that we are blessing him.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 6</p> <p>“My peace, this inner peace, this inner quiet, this inner confidence and strength that <i>I</i> give you will appear outwardly as the health of your body, as the stilled waters, as the peace of soul, peace of mind, harmony of purse.” ~ Joel</p>
<p>DAY 7</p> <p>“Ultimately, the government is upon His shoulders, and peace can only come from the Prince of Peace, and the Prince of Peace is Immanuel, the realization of God with us. In the realization of God with us, we have our own Prince of Peace. We have our own spiritual government, and we have our own Counselor, and our own Almighty Father. . . . Let us accept this within our consciousness and become the light of the world.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 8</p> <p>“I must first find my peace before I can give it unto thee. If I am not at peace, at rest within my soul, I cannot give my peace to you because I have none. To give my peace to you, I must have found my peace. I must be resting in my peace, without a worldly desire, without a worldly fear. The Master could never have given his peace unless he had first found his peace.” ~ Joel</p>
<p>DAY 9</p> <p>“Retire often into the center of Being, my Son. Let divine Love engulf you; be at peace in ‘My peace.’” ~ Joel, Wisdom 85</p>	<p>DAY 10</p> <p>“Be at peace: God IS.” ~ Joel, Wisdom 15</p>

<p>DAY 11</p> <p>“Peace on earth will only come about with the universal recognition of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 12</p> <p>“If there is to be peace in the world, There must be peace in the nations. If there is to be peace in the nations, There must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, There must be peace between neighbors. If there is to be peace between neighbors, There must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, There must be peace in the heart.”</p> <p>~ Lao Tzu (570-490 B.C.)</p>
<p>DAY 13</p> <p>“If we are to live the contemplative or spiritual way of life, our days and nights must be spent in an attitude of ‘My peace, the spiritual peace of God, I give unto thee.’ How different that is from praying that we <i>receive</i> God’s peace! Imagine what would happen if we could walk the world with that attitude!</p> <p>“Think what wonderful things can happen in our homes when we look upon every member of our family with ‘My peace I give unto you,’ instead of ‘my criticism, my complaint, my judgment.’ Is it not true that we often reserve our worst conduct for our own home, whereas we should begin with our home and see what miracles come back to us as we live that life of ‘My peace I give unto you’?” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 14</p> <p>“You cannot pray for peace on earth, because you are praying for an effect. You can only pray that the kingdom of God be realized on earth as it is in heaven, and then that realization will bring peace.” ~ Joel</p>

<p>DAY 15</p> <p>“Peace, which ordinarily means absence of war, is no longer a condition of human conduct, but rather peace is understood as a state of the soul—a continuing, permanent, eternal and immortal state of the soul, never dependent upon outer conditions. Peace must first be sought within, then peace will appear without.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 16</p> <p>“When Jesus taught, ‘Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God,’ he was saying that you must assume the responsibility of carrying love and peace into all your everyday endeavors, identifying yourself with the idea that you are a peacemaker bestowing the love and peace of God upon all whom you encounter.” ~ Joel</p>
<p>DAY 17</p> <p>“Prayers shouldn’t be for peace on earth. Prayers should be that the Christ should touch men’s souls and awaken them. When the soul of man is awakened, he doesn’t want war. . . . Our prayers should be that the hearts and minds of men be illumined by the Spirit of God, that the Christ touch individual consciousness and awaken men to the realization of their true identity, of the true nature of life.”</p> <p>~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 18</p> <p>“Our real nature is a center from which emanates God’s grace and God’s love, a very center of peace and harmony. This inner peace can come to us only when we have released mankind from its faults, our neighbor from responsibility for his past, and our friends and relatives from our condemnation: “Go thy way in peace. Thou, too, art the child of God; thou, too, art the temple of the living God.” ~ Joel</p>
<p>DAY 19</p> <p>“You cannot pray to God for peace in the nation or even peace for yourself. Why? God has planted peace in our souls. God has planted peace in our hearts and our minds. We have buried it there as humans, and we must return within and meet the peace that is within us, and then this peace that we find within us becomes the imprisoned splendor that escapes out into the world, and our neighbors feel it.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 20</p> <p>“Rest in the deep, clear well of contentment within you. You see, that well of contentment, of deep peace, is already within you. You have to find that center within yourself. No one can discover it for you. You have to learn in meditation to find a center in you that really is peace. Rest in the deep, clear well of contentment within you. Peace already is.” ~ Joel</p>

<p>DAY 21</p> <p>“There is a peace that passeth understanding, and it is possible for us to attain this peace even in the world of discord that appears to be about us. ‘My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth,’ but rather My peace. This is a promise that within us there is this My peace, which is the Christ-peace, given to us even before the world began. Our reliance now is not on some thing, or some condition, or upon some person in the outer world, but here and now, in this very instant, we transfer our faith and confidence from the outer world to a Withinness—that which within ourselves is My peace, a peace that is not the peace that the world can give us, but a peace that only the Christ can bestow.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 22</p> <p>“Remember, if your thought wants to wander, just remind it that it is in quietness and confidence that you find your peace, not in your mental wanderings, not in trying to remember a lot of truths, not in trying to fulfill some human need, but in quietness and confidence.” ~ Joel</p>
<p>DAY 23</p> <p>“Christmas is the message of peace on earth revealed by Christ Jesus, the messenger, who proved the truth of his message without carnal weapons, physical might, or mental control in his life by grace—and he told us to go and do likewise. To make Christmas live for you, accept the messenger and his message: Put up thy sword, rise above physical and mental powers, and rest in His grace. ‘My peace I give unto you, not as the world [and its weapons] giveth,’ but my peace—God’s grace.” ~ Joel</p>	<p>DAY 24</p> <p>“On Christmas Day, we bid Godspeed to the Prince of Peace on Its journey of love into human consciousness, so that each individual whose thought and mind, spirit and soul, are open to the conception and birth of the Christ may know this gentle Presence, which is capable of bringing peace on earth, good will towards men.” ~ Joel</p>