

## EXPECTANT WAITING: ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

# PEACE

Lord, we know that our world is divided. So often even our own hearts are in turmoil. We frequently fall back into sinful patterns even though we desire to follow You. We need Your peace to rule our hearts. The world calls to us and pulls us in many directions, and by day's end we are often tired, frustrated, and tempted to become envious, angry, and bitter. Instead, we choose to rest in the peace of the Prince of Peace. We know Your peace is contrary to the ways of the world. You ask us to take Your yoke upon us, but we will find that Your burden is light. Repentance is not easy, but experiencing the peace that comes with the assurance of Your forgiveness is like a weight being lifted from our shoulders.

### **REFLECT**

The season of Advent reminds us that the Prince of Peace has come and that He offers reconciliation and rest from sin and shame and struggle to all who put their faith in Him.

### **QUESTION**

How might God be seeking to sow peace in your heart this Advent season?

### **POSSIBLE ANSWER(S)**

Perhaps God is showing you that you don't have to be weighed down by guilt, that your value does not derive from being busy or from what you do (or don't do), or that you can remain confident in His guidance and control, no matter the situation.

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