

PRAYER AND FASTING NOTES 27.2.20 JOEL 2:12-

TURN ye even to me, saith the Lord, with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return, and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet; let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

THE GOSPEL

St. Matthew 6.16-21

WHEN ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face, that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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Isaiah 58

English Standard Version Anglicised

True and False Fasting

58 "Cry aloud; do not hold back;

lift up your voice like a trumpet;

declare to my people their transgression,

to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet they seek me daily

and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the judgement of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgements;
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why have we fasted, and you see it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?'

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,^[a]
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ "Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed^[a] go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

If you take away the yoke from your midst,

the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,
¹⁰ if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
then shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.
¹¹ And the LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your desire in scorched places
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters do not fail.
¹² And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to dwell in.
¹³ "If you turn back your foot from the Sabbath,
from doing your pleasure^[a] on my holy day,
and call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
or seeking your own pleasure,^[a] or talking idly;^[a]
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth;^[a]
I will feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Scripture

A = Adoration

Prayer

C = Confession

Covering

T = Thanksgiving

Confession

S = Supplication

Thanksgiving

Petition

Scriptures on War

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 ESV / 146 helpful votes

“When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory

Philippians 4:6-7 ESV / 16 helpful votes

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 24:6 ESV / 290 helpful votes

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet.

Jeremiah 51:20 ESV / 209 helpful votes

“You are my hammer and weapon of war: with you I break nations in pieces; with you I destroy kingdoms;

James 4:1-2 ESV / 188 helpful votes

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask

James 4:2 ESV / 18 helpful votes

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[Jeremiah 51:15-30](#) ESV / 18 helpful votes

"It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens. When he utters his voice there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightning for the rain, and he brings forth the wind from his storehouses. Every man is stupid and without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his idols, for his images are false, and there is no breath in them. They are worthless, a work of delusion; at the time of their punishment they shall perish. Not like these is he who is the portion of Jacob, for he is the one who formed all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance; the LORD of hosts is his name. .

[Deuteronomy 20:1](#) ESV / 15 helpful votes

"When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt

[Hebrews 11:33-37](#) ESV / 19 helpful votes

Who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—

[Matthew 8:5-10](#) ESV / 20 helpful votes

When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, "Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly." And he said to him, "I will come and heal him." But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ...

[Romans 13:1-4](#) ESV / 20 helpful votes

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

[1 Timothy 6:12](#)

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

[Romans 13:1-7](#) ESV / 28 helpful votes

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[Revelation 12:7-11](#) ESV / 49 helpful votes

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our

God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

[Zechariah 10:5](#) ESV / 43 helpful votes

They shall be like mighty men in battle, trampling the foe in the mud of the streets; they shall fight because the LORD is with them, and they shall put to shame the riders on horses

[Ephesians 6:12](#) ESV / 81 helpful votes

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

[Proverbs 21:15](#) ESV / 84 helpful votes

When justice is done, it is a joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers

[2 Corinthians 10:4](#) ESV / 85 helpful votes

For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

[Isaiah 2:4](#) ESV / 114 helpful votes

He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

[Isaiah 25:8](#) ESV / 102 helpful votes

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

Scriptures on Peace

[Galatians 5:22](#) ESV / 531 helpful votes But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

[John 16:33](#) ESV / 1,879 helpful votes

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

[2 Thessalonians 3:16](#) ESV / 1,684 helpful votes

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

[Isaiah 26:3](#) ESV / 1,426 helpful votes

You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

[Matthew 5:9](#) ESV / 1,211 helpful votes

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

[Philippians 4:6](#) ESV / 1,096 helpful votes

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

[Romans 12:18](#) ESV / 924 helpful votes

If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

[John 14:27](#) ESV / 922 helpful votes

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

[Colossians 3:15](#) ESV / 895 helpful votes

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

[1 Peter 5:7](#) ESV / 882 helpful votes

Casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

[Hebrews 12:14](#) ESV / 767 helpful votes

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

[Psalm 4:8](#) ESV / 763 helpful votes

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

[Romans 15:13](#) ESV / 737 helpful votes

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

[Romans 8:6](#) ESV / 691 helpful votes

For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

[1 Peter 3:11](#) ESV / 668 helpful votes

Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

[Romans 5:1](#) ESV / 636 helpful votes

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

[Psalm 119:165](#) ESV / 624 helpful votes

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

[James 3:18](#) ESV / 594 helpful votes

And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

[1 Corinthians 14:33](#) ESV / 577 helpful votes

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints,

[Philippians 4:7](#) And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

