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How to Put together the #PRINCE of PEACE

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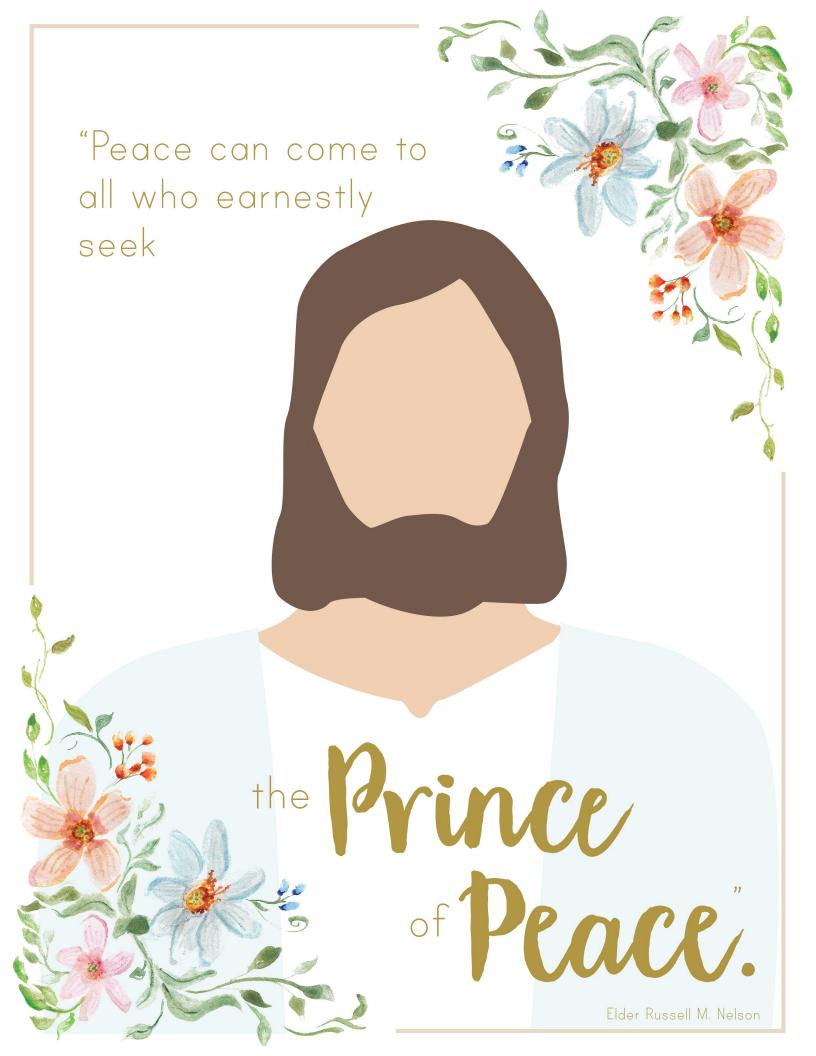
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SUGGESTED USES:

- 1- PERSONAL: Use for your personal study and growth. Ideas at the beginning of the booklet.
- 2- FAMILY: Leading up to Easter, study one principle a day and record what you talked about and goals on each page.
- 3- YOUNG WOMEN: Give each young woman a booklet and encourage her to focus on one principle a day leading up to Easter. If significant effort is made, this could be a 10-hour project for Faith or Choice and Accountability
- 4- RELIEF SOCIETY: Give each sister a booklet and encourage her to use for personal growth or for a spiritual Easter experience with her family.





#PRINCE of PEACE

Appropriately timed to coincide with the week leading up to 2017 Easter, the LDS church has launched the "Prince of Peace" initiative. The purpose of the "Prince of Peace" initiative is threefold:

- Invite all to come unto Christ.
- Learn principles of peace from the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6).
- Share ways to find peace through the Savior.

During Holy Week — from Palm Sunday, April 9, to Easter Sunday, April 16 — you can learn more about eight principles of peace: faith, compassion, forgiveness, repentance, gratitude, God's word, prayer, and hope. Each day, mormon.org and social media sites will feature one principle with a video about an individual's experience finding peace by living that principle.

This booklet is designed to help you get the most out of learning about those eight principles of peace.

Be sure to share your testimony and help others by taking pictures and using the hashtag "princeofpeace.





Instructions and Ideas

On the front and back of each page you can:

- 1. Write about a time that each principle has brought peace into your life.
- 2. Record quotes and scriptures that help you understand and live each principle better.
- 3. Make personal goals to help you to grow and live each principle.
- 4. Write about how Christ exemplified each principle.



Faith is to hope for things which are not seen, but which are true, and must be centered in Jesus Christ in order to produce salvation. To have faith is to have confidence in something or someone.

"It is our faith in Jesus Christ that sustains us at the cross-roads of life's journey. It is the first principle of the gospel. Without it we will spin our wheels at the intersection, spending our precious time but getting nowhere."

Elder Quentin L. Cook



Compassion is a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for someone who is stricken by misfortune. Compassion is accompanied by the desire to help alleviate the suffering and misfortune.

Jesus provided us many examples of compassionate concern. The crippled man at the pool of Bethesda; the woman taken in adultery; the woman at Jacob's well; the daughter of Jairus; Lazarus, brother of Mary and Martha—each represented a casualty on the Jericho road. Each needed help.

President Thomas S. Monson (Ensign, March 2007)

"God does notice us, and he watches over us. But it is usually through another person that he meets our needs."

forgiveness

To forgive is a divine attribute. It is to pardon or excuse someone from blame for an offense or misdeed. The scriptures refer to forgiveness in two ways. The Lord commands us to repent of our sins and seek His forgiveness. He also commands us to forgive those who offend or hurt us.

There is no peace in harboring old grudges. There is no peace in reflecting on the pain of old wounds. There is peace only in repentance and forgiveness. This is the sweet peace of the Christ, who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9).

repentance

Repentance is one of the first principles of the gospel and is essential to our temporal and eternal happiness. It is much more than just acknowledging wrongdoings. It is a change of mind and heart that gives us a fresh view about God, about ourselves, and about the world. It includes turning away from sin and turning to God for forgiveness.

I readily confess that I would find no peace, neither happiness nor safety, in a world without repentance. I do not know what I should do if there were no way for me to erase my mistakes. The agony would be more than I could bear.

gratitude

Gratitude is a feeling of appreciation and thankfulness for blessings or benefits we have received. As we cultivate a grateful attitude, we are more likely to be happy and spiritually strong. We should regularly express our gratitude to God for the blessings He gives us and to others for the kind acts they do for us.

The kind of gratitude that receives even tribulations with thanksgiving requires a broken heart and a contrite spirit, humility to accept that which we cannot change, willingness to turn everything over to the Lord–even when we do not understand, thankfulness for hidden opportunities yet to be revealed. Then comes a sense of peace.



When holy men of God write or speak by the power of the Holy Ghost, their words "shall be scripture, shall be the will of the Lord, shall be the mind of the Lord,..." (D&C 68:4)....

The principal purpose of scriptures is to testify of Christ and to guide the children of God so they can come unto Him and receive eternal life.

Don't yield to Satan's lie that you don't have time to study the scriptures. Choose to take time to study them. Feasting on the word of God each day is more important than sleep, school, work, television shows, video games, or social media. You may need to reorganize your priorities to provide time for the study of the word of God. If so, do it!

There are many prophetic promises of the blessings of daily studying the scriptures.

I add my voice with this promise: as you dedicate time every day, personally and with your family, to the study of God's word, peace will prevail in your life. That peace won't come from the outside world. It will come from within your home, from within your family, from within your own heart. It will be a gift of the Spirit. It will radiate out from you to influence others in the world around you. You will be doing something very significant to add to the cumulative peace in the world.



We are all children of God. He loves us and knows our needs, and He wants us to communicate with Him through prayer.... As we make a habit of approaching God in prayer, we will come to know Him and draw ever nearer to Him. Our desires will become more like His. We will be able to secure for ourselves and for others blessings that He is ready to give if we will but ask in faith.

The world seems to be in commotion. There are wars and rumors of wars. The economies of whole continents are faltering. Crops are failing from lack of rain in places all over the earth. And the people in peril have flooded heaven with prayers. In public and in private, they are petitioning God for help, for comfort, and for direction.

You have probably noticed, as I have in recent days, that prayers have not only become more numerous but more heartfelt. I often am seated on the stand in a meeting near the person who has been asked to pray. I have listened recently with wonder. The words spoken are clearly inspired by God, both eloquent and wise. And the tone is that of a loving child seeking help, not as we might from an earthly parent but from an all-powerful Heavenly Father who knows our needs before we ask.

Such a turning to fervent prayer when the world seems out of joint is as old as mankind. In times of tragedy and danger, people turn to God in prayer.



Hope is the confident expectation of and longing for the promised blessings of righteousness. The scriptures often speak of hope as anticipation of eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.

Above all, never lose faith in your Father in Heaven, who loves you more than you can comprehend. As President Monson said to the Relief Society sisters so movingly last Saturday evening: "That love never changes. ... It is there for you when you are sad or happy, discouraged or hopeful. God's love is there for you whether or not you feel you deserve [it]. It is simply always there." Never, ever doubt that, and never harden your heart. ... Believe in miracles. I have seen so many of them come when every other indication would say that hope was lost. Hope is never lost. If those miracles do not come soon or fully or seemingly at all, remember the Savior's own anguished example: if the bitter cup does not pass, drink it and be strong, trusting in happier days ahead.



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