

# The Prince of Peace For the Anxious Generation

"The Light That Endures"

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Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Is 9:6

## The Anxious generation

- A lack of \_\_\_\_\_
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Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:29-34

## What the Prince of Peace wants to give you this Christmas:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your will to God and receive the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

Then Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word." After this, the angel departed from her. Luke 1:38 NCB

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27

2. His peace guards your heart and mind. Allow him to \_\_\_\_\_ your inner storms.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philip 4:7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. II Tim 1:7

## Yes, but how?

- Keep it real and \_\_\_\_\_ tell God how you are feeling.

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught. Psalm 55:1-2

- \_\_\_\_\_ ask the Lord for help and do not overestimate your \_\_\_\_\_

As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Evening,  
morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.  
Psalm 55:16-17

○ Maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ heart and resist the desire to  
become \_\_\_\_\_

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness  
and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast  
within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:  
Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for  
his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great  
is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:19-23

3. God gave you the gift of His peace so that you can share  
His \_\_\_\_\_ with an anxious generation.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will  
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I  
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your  
souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."  
Matthew 11:28-30

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have  
peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I  
have overcome the world." John 16:33