31 Days of Peace Prayer

"Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3:10-12

1 Glorify God through conflict "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your godd deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16	2 Trust God Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun. Psalm 37:5-6	3 Obey God "If you love me, you will obey what I command." John 14:15 "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." Luke 11:28	4 Imitate God "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Luke 6:27-28, 36	5 Peacemaking points to Christ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35	6 Make every effort Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curseDo not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Romans 12:14,17-18	7 <u>KEYS</u> ~God - good, in control ~Conflict = opportunity, not accident ~Success = faithfulness, not results
8 The source of conflict What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James 4:1	9 Choices have consequences Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. Isaiah 59:1-2	10 Grow through conflict Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds testing of your faith devel- ops perseverance it must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4	11 True repentance Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 2 Corinthians 7:10 "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance." Matthew 3:8	12 Confess to God He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Proverbs 28:13	13 Confess to others "first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." Matthew 7:5 There- fore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed James 5:16a	14 <u>IDOLATRY</u> ~I desire ~I demand ~I judge ~I punish
15 Overlook minor offenses A man's wisdom gives him pa- tience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8	16 Private but persistent "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just be- tween the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over." Matthew 18:15	17 Separate your job from God's And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resent- ful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, 2 Timothy 2:24-25a	18 Seek to restore Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:1-2	19 Communication Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:29-30	20 Stay out of court If any of you has a dispute with another, dare he take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the saints?the saints will judge the world?are you not competent to judge trivial cases? 1 Corinthians 6:1-2	21 <u>SPEAK TRUTH</u> ~Breath grace ~Bring hope ~Be a quick listener ~Be a charitable judge
22 Take the imitative "if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24	23 Forgive as God forgives as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one anotherColossians 3:12-13a	24 Keep on forgiving "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" Matthew 18:32-33	25 Replace negative thoughts Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praisewor- thy—think about such things. Philippians 4:8	26 Respect others' interests "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 7:12	27 Overcome evil with good For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the igno- rant talk of foolish men For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 1 Peter 2:15,19	28 <u>FOUR G's</u> ~Glorify God ~Get the log out ~Gently restore ~Go be reconciled
29 <u>When it's tough</u> ~You are "in Christ" ~God is "for you" ~Sources are Bible, Holy Spirit, Church	30 <u>When it's tough</u> ~Overcome evil with good ~ Control your tongue ~ Seek godly advisors	31 <u>When it's tough</u> ~Keep doing right ~Recognize your limits ~Use deliberate focused love	Staying on Top of Conflict www.HisPeace.org			