



# PLANTING PRAYERS OF PEACE

Theme Resource Pack  
September 2025  
(7 September - 4 October)

## Introduction

This month we open our eyes, ears and hearts to creation. We want to rediscover the seeds of peace, the pathways of peace, the streams of peace that guide, nourish and sustain us.

We ask God to help us relearn how to live 'with' the earth and not simply 'on' it. In times of overlapping ecological, military and economic crises we want to rediscover resilience, restoration and revival: in our relationships with God, one another, and our world.

Our planet is beautiful, tenacious and vibrant and so are we. With God's help we can't plant prayers of peace and let them grow.

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### Weekly Overview

- Prayer trees
- Seeds of peace
- Planting in tears, longing for justice
- True peace

## Format

Every month we have a God-given theme delving into different aspects and areas of faith. Over the course of 2025 these themes connect and take us on a faith journey out into the wonders of life with Jesus. Our themes shape our Daily Worship, live streams and all sorts of other creative things we get up to! Each week runs Sunday - Saturday and each has a series of daily Bible readings and prompts for reflection.

## Prayer trees (Week 1, 7 September)

**Introduction:** Peace is vibrant. Real peace is not humdrum and boring, it's colourful and radiant. A peaceful garden is one that is alive with life, full of oxygen and hope, teeming with plants and species. A peaceful meadow is a riot of diversity and activity. This week we pray for biodiversity instead of monoculture, vibrancy instead of idolatry — let's ask God for a biodiversity of blessings!

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**Setting the scene:** Walking through a forest, feeling our blood pressure drop (studies have shown this actually happens!).

**Seeds to sow:** What's your favourite tree? It could be a species of tree or maybe it's a particular tree in your garden, or near you home, or that you pass on the way to work, or that you remember from childhood? Thank God for the trees of our lives and the peace that they bring.

1. **Jeremiah 18:1-11** **A prayer of reshaping.** Asking God to remould us for peace.
2. **Psalms 139: 13-18** **A prayer of self-redemption.** We are like seeds, intricately packed full of potential. We have the agency to seek peace because God made us that way.
3. **Deuteronomy 30: 15-20** **A prayer of vibrant peace.** God's call is to live with the land and with each other, not against each other. It is in biodiversity and vibrancy that we find life rather than monoculture and idolatry.
4. **Psalms 1** **A prayer of humility.** What might we learn from trees.
5. **Philemon 1: 1-9** **A prayer to do the right thing.** Paul's appeal is through friendship, respect, shared belonging through Christianity, and most importantly out of love. What right things can we urge one another on to, grounded in love?
6. **Philemon 1: 10-21** **A prayer responding to the hearts God sends us.** "I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you."! How often do we want to snub someone, hurt someone, punish someone — and God, like Paul, says "I am sending my heart back to you, put the cost on me, I'll pay it, just take them back." Onesimus is to be welcomed back as an equal. This compassion is essential in the complex web of living on a planet with shared resources and a shared climate.
7. **Matthew 13: 31-32** **A prayer of homecoming.** Praying mustard seeds of peace where we can cultivate a home for all.

## Seeds of peace (Week 2, 14 September)

**Introduction:** This week we reflect on losing peace and finding peace. Sadly the consequence of conflict and evil is wilderness and desertification. We continually see this as wanton cruelty towards people and the planet have caused devastation and destruction of the natural world. But we are not beyond peace, we do not find ourselves somehow outside its reach. God's peace is at hand, he urges us to find the lost coins, the lost sheep, and go on planting seeds of peace.

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**Setting the scene:** Holding a palm full of seeds and scattering them.

**Seeds to sow:** What seeds is God inviting you to plant this year?

1. **Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 A prayer of lament.** The consequence of evil is desertification. We have seen this as wanton cruelty towards people and the planet have caused devastation and destruction of habitats. Part of finding peace is lamenting the peace that has been lost in order that we might have a future in which to flourish.
2. **Psalms 14 A prayer of warning.** All those who would confound the plans of the poor better watch out, as the Lord is their refuge.
3. **Exodus 32: 7-14 A prayer of understanding.** Is this conversation for God's benefit or for Moses's? Is it Moses who needs to hear the reasoning, who needs to put it into words, who needs to learn the value of life?
4. **1 Timothy 1:12-17 A prayer of gratitude.** Jesus came for sinners!
5. **Luke 15: 1-2 A prayer of self-awareness.** Rather than planting peace, we are sometimes like the Pharisees, judging from the sidelines.
6. **Luke 15: 3-7 A prayer of gathering.** Remembering all the lost sheep that God will not give up on.
7. **Luke 15: 8-10 A prayer of finding.** Call off the search! Delighting in what and who has been found, recovered, brought back, welcomed home.

## Planting in tears, longing for justice (Week 3, 21 September)

**Introduction:** Our world is a beautiful place and it is our duty to care for it. We must work together to build bonds of peace. In our world we must lament what has been lost and work with the Holy Spirit imaginatively towards restoration. We plant in tears, longing for justice and to reap with joy.

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**Setting the scene:** Field at planting time.

**Seeds to sow:** As a global community what do we need to take time to lament and what do we need to take time to plant for?

1. **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 A prayer of mourning.** Lamentation is part of building peace. Acknowledging what has happened as part of reconciliation.
2. **Psalms 80: 1-2, 8-19 A prayer of sorrow.** What sacred beauty in the natural world has been desecrated and destroyed for war, profit and greed?
3. **Amos 8: 4-7 A prayer of urgent prophecy.** The Lord will not forget war profiteers, opportunistic arms dealers, pillagers and land grabbers.
4. **Psalms 113 A prayer of restoration.** Building peace, working on restoration, deep justice.
5. **Luke 16:1-9 A prayer of honesty.** This steward can't dig, won't beg! He hardly seems a role model but in his honest canniness there's something to emulate here!
6. **Luke 16: 10-13 A prayer of priorities.** You cannot serve God and wealth!
7. **Psalms 126: 5-6 A prayer of planting.** Planting in tears, longing for justice.

## True peace (Week 4, 28 September)

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**Setting the scene:** A peaceful cove.

**Seeds to sow:** What acts of hope could we take this week?

1. **Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15** **A prayer of hope.** Jeremiah buys a field. A prophetic, symbolic act. What 'fields' do we need to be buying for the planet?
2. **Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16** **A prayer of refuge.** Considering ecology, deliverance and refuge...
3. **Amos 6:1a, 4-7** **A prayer of caution.** "Woe to those!" Watch out wealthy!
4. **Psalms 146** **A prayer of trust.** Putting trust in God, not princes.
5. **1 Timothy 6: 6-10** **A prayer of wisdom.** The trap of wealth.
6. **1 Timothy 6: 11-19** **A prayer of expectation.** Fighting the good fight, storing up treasure in heaven, not on earth.
7. **Luke 16:19-31** **A prayer of self-discovery.** Lazarus is named, he is afforded a dignity after death that was robbed him in life, whereas the rich man is plunged into obscurity, not even named. In God we find, not only a refuge, we also find ourselves.