



The Path of Peace

PASTOR MIKE YODER • PHILIPPIANS 4:1–9

*Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for,
my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!*

Philippians 4:1

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

Philippians 4:2

Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the Gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:3

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:5

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

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

Philippians 4:7

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.



A Call to Persistent, Humble Unity in the Church (4:1–3)

Such agreement does not mean uniformity, but rather a willingness to set aside personal agendas for the greater good of unity around the Gospel and its progress in the world.

Matthew Harmon

When their common bond in the Lord becomes central, their attitude toward each other will be the same as Christ Jesus expressed on the way to the cross: they will not claim their rights for their own advantage.

Walter Hansen

It's hard to stay at odds with someone if we are praying for them.

Jonathan Wiley



A Call to Confident, Thankful Prayer in Our Hearts (4:4–7)

The joy that Paul calls for is not a happiness that depends on circumstances but a deep contentment that is in the Lord, based on trust in a sovereign, living God, who is available always, even in difficult times.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”

Matthew 6:25

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’”

Matthew 6:31

“For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.”

Matthew 6:32

“But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Matthew 6:33

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Matthew 6:34

Prayer is the antidote to worry. The result of prayer is God's gift of peace, namely, the secure confidence that God is sovereign and loving.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

Daniel 6:10

Without thanksgiving, prayer becomes merely a way of complaining to God about all the bad things that are or might be happening.

Walter Hansen

Gratitude is something that we develop, a discipline we cultivate. We don't just flip a switch and have thankfulness.



A Call to Thoughtful, Demonstrated Priorities in Our Lives (4:8,9)

All that the world can offer is a peace that is based on circumstances that are favorable.

Matthew Harmon

**Peace is the result of
putting into practice a trust
in the God of the Gospel.**