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Theme: Celebrating God's Peace

Psalm 85:8-9 NLT

I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory.

"Speak Your peace to me today."

How do you define peace? Is it a quiet room, a slow morning, a settled heart, or relaxing in your favorite chair? Many of us think of peace as the absence of noise, conflict, or pressure. But God's peace is deeper than peaceful circumstances. It is an internal calm that defies our rational understanding.

In this season, we may hear the familiar tune that sings, "Sleep in heavenly peace," and imagine peace as something tender, holy, and far away from the chaos of daily life. Yet Psalm 85 reminds us that God speaks peace to His faithful people. His peace is not only promised for heaven; it is a gift He offers us here, even when our world feels chaotic.

God's peace is not something we manufacture by trying harder or controlling more. It begins as we grow to listen carefully to the Lord and turn from foolish ways. Peace becomes increasingly apparent as we trust that Jesus is present with us, steadying our hearts and filling our lives with His glory.

Share:

- When you think of peace, what image or experience comes to mind first?
- What circumstances most often make it difficult for you to experience God's peace?
- How does Psalm 85:8-9 describe the connection between listening to God and receiving His peace?
- What does it look like to turn away from "foolish ways" and move toward the peace God speaks?
- How can you share or explain God's peace with someone during this season?

Prayer: God, thank you for speaking peace to your people and for drawing near through Jesus. Quiet the noise in our hearts and help us listen carefully to your voice. Forgive us when we return to foolish ways instead of trusting your wisdom. Teach us to receive your peace in the middle of busy days, uncertain circumstances, and hard relationships. Let your salvation be near to us help us to carry your peace to others. Amen.

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Suggested Prayer Topics

Pray for yourself. Empty cups do not bring refreshment. It is important to seek God in the scriptures, asking Him to fill us with joy and renew the desire to engage with others so that we can pour into those around us needing the love and hope of Jesus.

- Psalm 51: 10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels and they will return to you.
- Help me, Lord, to seek Your will and walk in Your ways. Forgive me for the ways that I have wronged you and renew my spirit to align closer to Yours. Give me a fresh desire to share Your love with those around me. Amen.

Pray for Stonecroft Ministries. Pray for the mission of the ministry, the Board of Directors, National Office staff and volunteers across the nation.

- 1 Peter 5:2-3 Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example.
- Heavenly Father, direct the steps of the Stonecroft board leadership, national staff and volunteers so that Your Kingdom can expand and by working together we can see every woman reconciled to You through Your son, Jesus. Amen.

Pray for the needs of your family and friends. Pray that God gives you opportunities to speak into their lives and with the hope and encouragement only found in Jesus.

- Philippians 4:19 And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.
- Lord, You know our family and friends. Provide for them and protect them in the way that only You can. Give us the words to encourage them and lead them to You. Amen.

Pray for local Stonecroft Outreach Groups and your community. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel. Pray for hearts and minds that are ready to receive him.

- Matthew 28: 19-20 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
- Father, please open doors for Stonecroft volunteers to reach those in desperate need of Your salvation and lovingkindness. Prepare us to receive those who enter our spaces with joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

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Pray for our nation. For wisdom and protection of our leaders on every level, our workplaces, and our families.

- 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity.
- God, please give our leaders wisdom beyond their own understanding. Would you please direct the steps of each national, state, and local leader to align with Your will. Amen.

Pray for global evangelism. Pray that women everywhere would be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.

- Psalm 67:2 May your ways be known throughout the earth, your saving power among people everywhere.
- Lord, would you make yourself known to women in all parts of the globe in the way that only You can. Help them to understand who Jesus is and that He died and rose from the grave so that they could have eternal life with You. Amen.