Advent reading for the second Sunday of Advent 2020. The Peace Candle.

The second Advent candle symbolizes the arrival of peace into the world.

*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****.*

Isaiah 9:6

Jesus is called the Prince of Peace. The angels declaring the news of his birth sang a song of peace on earth. The peace of God starts with remembering that God draws near to us. Whatever circumstances you find yourself in, he stays close to you. An anxious person becomes stressed when something goes wrong, running it over and over in their mind. This is essentially praying to themselves, but they are still unable to do anything about it. The Christian reacts by praying to God, who is the only person who can do something about the problem.

The peace of God is a peace that surpasses understanding. This peace can be experienced in the midst of circumstances that may be far from peaceful. The situation may not have changed, but the source of our peace is not circumstances, it is God, and He is near.

*For Christ is born of Mary*

*And gathered all above*

*While mortals sleep, the angels keep*

*Their watch of wondering love*

*O morning stars together*

*Proclaim the holy birth*

*And praises sing to God the King*

*And Peace to men on earth*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Prayer:*

Lord of all the Earth, thank you that you are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Your word says that your peace, which transcends all understanding, will guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. Give me your peace Lord as I face difficult circumstances. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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