

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

Pope Benedict XVI, Shepherd of Truth

Notable quotations from Pope Benedict XVI and official teachings
of the Roman Catholic Church

GOD IS ON YOUR SIDE

In the eyes of the world, those who trust in God and His promises often appear naive or far from reality. Yet Jesus tells them that not only in the next life, but already in this life, they will discover that they are the children of God, and that God has always been and ever will be, completely on their side. They will understand that they are not alone, because He is on the side of those committed to truth, justice and love.

“TRUE PEACE”

Once we accept Jesus Christ, God and man, we have the joyful experience of an immense gift: the sharing of God’s own life, the life of grace, the pledge of a fully blessed existence. Jesus Christ ... grants us true peace, which is born of the trusting encounter of man with God.

PEACE IS...

Peace concerns the human person as a whole, and it involves complete commitment. It is peace with God through a life lived according to His will. It is interior peace with oneself, and external peace with our neighbors and all creation... As Bl. John XXII wrote..., it entails the building up of a coexistence based on truth, freedom, love and justice.



“AUTHENTIC PEACEMAKERS”

To become authentic peacemakers, it is fundamental to keep in mind our transcendent dimension and to enter into constant dialogue with God, ... whereby we implore the redemption achieved for us by His only-begotten Son.

PEACE IS POSSIBLE

Peace is not a dream or something utopian: it is possible. Our gaze needs to go deeper, beneath superficial appearances and phenomena, to discern a positive reality which exists in human hearts, since every man and woman has been created in the image of God and is called to grow and contribute to the building of a new world.

SHAPED BY JESUS

Encountering Jesus Christ shapes peacemakers, committing them to fellowship and to overcoming injustice.

A PEACEMAKER...

The peacemaker, according to Jesus’ beatitude, is the one who seeks the good of the other, the fullness of good in body and soul, today and tomorrow.

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