



# Embracing Peace and Resilience

Scripture: John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

In the midst of tumultuous times, our partners in the Pacific Basin stand as beacons of peace and resilience, advocating tirelessly for harmony amidst conflict.

## Scripture Reflection:

John 14:27 reminds us of the peace that Christ offers—a peace that transcends the chaos of the world. In times of trouble and fear, His peace sustains us, guiding us through the storms of life.

Partners in Japan and the Marshall Islands bear witness to the devastating legacy of nuclear weapons, urging the world to remember the horrors of their use and testing.

Meanwhile, partners in Korea and the Philippines champion the cause of demilitarization, showcasing the resilience of communities affected by conflict.

This video shines a light on partners in the Philippines who have faced adversity with unwavering resilience, embodying the spirit of peace in the face of turmoil.

As we journey through life's challenges, may we hold fast to the peace that Christ offers, trusting in His presence to calm our troubled hearts and embolden us to stand for justice and reconciliation.

Let us not be overcome by fear or despair, but instead, let us be instruments of peace and agents of resilience in a world longing for healing and restoration.

Amen.



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### Reflection Questions

1. Reflecting on your own life, when have you experienced the peace that Jesus offers? What circumstances or choices led to that peace?
2. How does the peace Jesus offers differ from the peace that the world promises? In what ways can we distinguish between the two?
3. Jesus instructs his disciples not to let their hearts be troubled or afraid. What practical steps can we take to maintain this peace in the midst of life's challenges and uncertainties?
4. Jesus' peace is a gift freely given to his followers. How can we actively receive and embrace this gift in our daily lives? What practices or habits can help us cultivate a deeper sense of peace in our relationship with Jesus?
5. How did viewing these videos impact your emotional state or inner well-being?
6. What aspects highlighted in the videos do you feel compelled to include in your prayers?
7. How can you actively contribute to furthering the cause or narrative presented in these videos?