

Worship resources

Poem for reflection

Peace

Sara Teasdale (1884–1933)

Peace flows into me

As the tide to the pool by the shore;
It is mine forevermore,
It will not ebb like the sea.

I am the pool of blue

That worships the vivid sky;
My hopes were heaven-high,
They are all fulfilled in you.

I am the pool of gold

When sunset burns and dies—
You are my deepening skies;
Give me your stars to hold.

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Scripture reading

Romans 5:10–11

Sermon ideas

Reflect on how, in situations like the long divide of the Korean Peninsula, our hope in Christ can sustain us and motivate us to work for peace. Think of ways we can embody God’s kingdom values by serving as peace ambassadors.

Consider Martin Luther King Jr.’s February 1967 speech, “The Casualties of the War in Vietnam” ([shorturl.at/nosJX](https://www.shorturl.at/nosJX)) and the legacy of U.S. involvement in armed conflict:

“The past is prophetic in that it asserts loudly that wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows. One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek, but a means by which we arrive at that goal. We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means. How much longer must we play at deadly war games before we heed the plaintive pleas of the unnumbered dead and maimed of past wars?”

“Those of us who love peace must organize as effectively as the war hawks. As they spread the propaganda of war we must spread the propaganda of peace.”

Prayer

God of peace, guide our hands to make tools for peace instead of weapons of war. Let us learn war no more. Guide our hearts to break down walls of division, not with pressure, sanctions and threats, but with love, humility and understanding. God, in solidarity with our siblings in Korea, help us to make a way where there is no way. Amen.

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Songs

HWB 623 When love is found
VT 211 Hope is a candle

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