

FOR GOD SO  
*loved*  
THE WORLD...



**He brought peace**

**Jesus is risen! He is alive!**

**The Prince of Peace reigns supreme over death and hell!**

The American Heritage Dictionary defines peace as “the absence of war or other hostilities” or “freedom from quarrels and disagreement.” But God-given peace is more than merely the absence of conflict. While war, conflict, hostility, animosity, rivalry, and tension are all opposites of peace, peace is more than their opposite. **True peace is the presence of the Prince of Peace reigning in our lives and our world.**



Too often conflict, hostility, and tension describe our world today. So many people are at odds with God, their neighbor, and even themselves. **This has been true in so many communities in Africa where families have been struggling against poverty, fighting amongst themselves, and being held down by dark forces.** Jesus' resurrection is not merely a nice story that assures people they will someday overcome their circumstances or get a ticket out of their struggles. **To our African sisters and brothers who are experiencing a new hope because of your prayers and support, the resurrection is the way to abundant life and peace today!**

When it was evening (on Resurrection Sunday),  
though the disciples were behind closed doors for fear of the Jews,  
Jesus came and stood among them and said,  
**“Peace to you!”**

- John 20:19 (AMPC)

This Easter, as we celebrate our risen Lord with you, we pray there is much more than an absence of struggle in light of a day of celebration. **We pray the very real presence of the Prince of Peace will make himself known in your life and in our world.** May you rejoice in abundant life and peace today and every day—

knowing that Jesus came to bring “peace that no one can completely understand” (Philippians 4:7, CEV).



## Reflection

Where is there conflict, hostility, or tension in your life these days? How can you submit these areas to the Prince of Peace?

Which story of one of our African brothers or sisters has most resonated with you this Lenten season? Is there some way you can take a lesson they learned and apply it to your own life?

Devotion by Don Rogers (ELI Founder)

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