

*O LORD, my God ~ how excellent is Your name in all creation!  
By Your word alone, You spoke light into existence. Each star is balanced by Your touch.  
The universe sings of Your power and perfection. All heaven portrays Your glory.*

*I believe that You, God, are One of order and harmony. It's displayed in all You created. In my life, however, there's not a trace of any harmony. It's a mess. Daily turmoil. I've come to identify with the reality of bedlam! Life with an addict was not on my agenda, Father. This - is - insane!*

*Lord Jesus, You tell us that there will be trouble in this world. So true! You experienced this in Your life here. You faced great turmoil, pain, and rejection. But You also tell us that You have overcome the world. You overcame the sin of all mankind. You overcame death. Your sacrifice brings me life! Through faith in You, Christ Jesus, I can breathe in the presence of the Father and with God I can have true peace. Hope. Serenity. This circumstance may not change, but I thank You and I ask that in all situations ~ please ~ pour into me an overflowing portion of Your peace.*

*As I pray in the power of Your Name, Lord Jesus ~ let me also rest in Your comfort. ~ Amen*

**Many people long for peace**, and a few minutes of silence may soothe our minds. But the Bible teaches that real peace - peace with God - comes from His Son. The apostle Paul said, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Without Christ we are enemies of God because of our sin. Thankfully, accepting Jesus’ sacrifice reconciles us to God and ends the hostility that existed between us. God now sees us as Christ presents us: *holy, blameless and above reproach.*

**Having peace with God does not ensure problem-free living.** However, it does steady us during difficult times. Jesus told His followers, “In the world you will have trouble, but He also said, “In Me, you may have peace.” Because of Christ, the true peace of God can fill our hearts. ~ Jennifer Benson Schuldt

*We have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

~ **Romans 5:1** ~

*Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you  
His peace at all times and in every situation.*

*The Lord be with you all.*

~ **II Thessalonians 3:16** ~

*But now God has reconciled you by Christ's physical  
body through death to present you holy in His sight,  
without blemish and free from accusation.*

~ **Colossians 1:22** ~

*“I (Jesus) have told you these things, so that in me  
you have peace. In this world you will have trouble.  
But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

~ **John 16:33** ~