



he Bible has always prioritized working for peace with justice as a core practice of our faith. God calls on us to challenge unjust leaders and serve as advocates for justice and peace. Today's scripture from 2 Samuel 23:3-4 illustrates the beauty found when God's people live with a sense of justice.

At a time when it may feel like we have lost so much, embracing God's love for us can shift our perspective to recognize and share abundant grace. United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support these important ministries equips us to work together, empowered by God's love.

Today's celebration of Peace with Justice represents a faithful expression of shalom. It calls us to strengthen our capacity to advocate publicly in communities and nations throughout the world. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Church and Society globally.

There is power in our collective action and our shared commitment to peace with justice. Our offerings, however small they may seem, can transform lives and build a more just and compassionate world. We trust that the God of justice walks beside us, strengthening us in our efforts. As David assures us, God has made an "everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure."

Please give generously, advocate passionately and work tirelessly for the peaceable kingdom that God envisions for all creation.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Peaceful God, bless our offerings today as a testament to our commitment to rising justice, pursuing peace and building a world where all are valued, all are welcome, and all are loved. Transform our gifts into lasting peace with justice for your people.

Amen.

