

# Young Apprentices

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## MYSTAGOGY: THE GIFT OF PEACE

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Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace:  
where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Lord, make me an instrument  
of your peace.

Prayer of Saint Francis



### Sunday Word

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29****Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8****Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23****John 14:23-29**

The above readings are available at  
[usccb.org/bible/readings](http://usccb.org/bible/readings).

### To Help You Remember



1. Some members of the community in Jerusalem had been disturbed by teachings of those who were not their appointed teachers. Paul, Barnabas, and others went to address questions and help restore peace.
2. John's vision was of the holy city coming down out of Heaven from God. The glory of God gave it light.
3. Peace is Jesus' gift to his disciples, and he promises that the Holy Spirit will help them remember all that he taught them.

# With My Family



## Deepen

People have different opinions and ideas about things, and in a family, this can often be the source of disagreements. One person wants to go to the movies on Saturday afternoon; another wants to go to the mall. One person wants to have spaghetti for supper; another wants a hamburger. It is important to remember that disagreements do not need to turn into arguments and fights with one another.

**With your family,** think about things you often disagree about. Reflect on how you handle your disagreements. Do you fight and argue with one another, or do you find a way to compromise or peacefully come to a solution? How could you handle differences in a peaceful way?

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## Meditate

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus' farewell gift to his disciples is peace. This is the peace that we offer to one another every Sunday at Mass when we exchange the Sign of Peace. During this part of the Mass, the priest says: "Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will." He then says, "The peace of the Lord be with you always." We respond, "And with your spirit."

**With your family,** talk about why peace was a wonderful gift for Jesus to give to his disciples (including us!) and why it is a wonderful gift for us to offer to others in the Sign of Peace.

## Share

**With your family,** share the things that are troubling or upsetting you right now today, or things that make you afraid. As each person shares what is on his or her heart, invite all to respond by saying Jesus' words from today's Gospel: "Do not let your [heart] be troubled or afraid."

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## Do

In today's gathering, you named people in the world who might be troubled or afraid, and you were asked to choose and to pray for one situation or group of people named in the session.

**With your family,** share the situation or group of people you have promised to pray for. After you (and your family members) have named the situation or group of people, invite all to respond: "Give them peace, Lord." Pray this prayer every day of the coming week.

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## Pray

**With your family,** continue to pray the prayer on the front of this handout. Try to learn the words by heart.