

Saint Nicholas of Flüe used to say: „Peace is always in GOD!“ – How true this saying is. Peace is a fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT. If you are at peace with GOD, then this peace will dwell in your heart, no matter whether it is stormy outside, whether hell is on the rampage or the end of the world has come. But if you are at strife and variance the HOLY SPIRIT will flee from your heart and with Him so will GOD's peace.

Strife corrupts man to the devil's wild delight. There he is feeling really cosy. If you could just see him sneering. Many a person is mentally ill only because he is not willing to make it up with his neighbour. With unlovingness, strife, enmity, hatred you will bring a devilish cloud of hatred upon yourself, in which case not even I will be able to help. „As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O GOD.“ My soul thirsts for GOD. This longing I wish you to have in your heart. Then gone will be surges of hatred, strife and resentment.

„Peace be with you!“, JESUS used to say. Now when I dismiss you with the same salutation, know that I bestow on you to the best of my ability the peace of CHRIST, and, you then, carry this peace of CHRIST into the world. So: „Peace be with you!“



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**Be blessed by GOD TRINITY,
the + FATHER and the + SON
and the + HOLY GHOST. Amen!**

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Sermon

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Peace Fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT

„Peace to men of good will.“ With these words the Angels announced to the shepherds the birth of JESUS. We address the SAVIOUR as “King of Peace”, call Him “Prince of Peace”. – Yet, my beloved, how much does it hurt when among Christians there is so much strife and discord. How much damage does one do to the Church!

With the Name of JESUS we can induce the world to do good if we have GOD's peace in our hearts. Often people complain: „I pray and pray but my prayers are not heard.“ – All your praying, sacrifices and penance will be of absolutely no avail to you if you are not at peace with GOD and your neighbour. You do pray in the LORD's Prayer: „Forgive us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.“ But if you do not forgive, how could GOD forgive you?

„If you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; be reconciled to your brother and then come and offer your gift!“ Mt 5,23f When I started my activities as a priest I demanded this categorically. As I was once about to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, I turned to those gathered and said: „My beloved, there are some among you who are in conflict with their relatives and who are at enmity with their neighbour. I cannot celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass thus. First go, be reconciled to these people, at least give it a try. Reach out your hand in order to make peace even if you will be rejected. Write a letter if you cannot go there in person. Then come back and together we will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Then you can be sure that GOD will be pleased and will grant you grace in plenty.“