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Civil Year Calendars for 2008 and 2009

2008

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### Church and Civic Calendar for 2008

<i>January</i>		23	Easter Sunday
1	New Year's Day	25	Annunciation Day
6	Epiphany		
7	Orthodox Christmas	<i>April</i>	
10	Muharram (Islamic New Year)	4	Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
14	Orthodox New Year	9	Dietrich Bonhoeffer Birthday
18	Confession of St. Peter	20	First Day of Passover
21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	27	Orthodox Easter
25	Conversion of St. Paul	25	St. Mark the Evangelist
		27	Last Day of Passover
<i>February</i>			
2	Presentation in the Temple	<i>May</i>	
5	Shrove Tuesday	1	Ascension Day
6	Ash Wednesday	2	Yom HaShoah
10	First Sunday in Lent	5	Cinco de Mayo
14	Valentine's Day	8	Yom HaAtzmaut
17	Second Sunday in Lent	11	Pentecost Sunday
18	Martin Luther's Birthday	11	Mother's Day
18	Washington's Birthday	18	Trinity Sunday
24	Third Sunday in Lent	22	Corpus Christi
		26	Memorial Day
<i>March</i>			
2	Fourth Sunday in Lent	<i>June</i>	
9	Fifth Sunday in Lent	9	Shavuot
9	Daylight Savings Time Begins	15	Father's Day
16	Palm Sunday	24	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
17	St. Patrick's Day	29	St. Peter and St. Paul
20	Maundy Thursday		
20	Prophet's Birthday (Islamic)	<i>July</i>	
21	Good Friday	1	Canada Day
22	Holy Saturday	4	Independence Day

*August*

6	Transfiguration Day
10	Tisha B'Av
15	Mary, Mother of Jesus

*September*

1	Labor Day
2	Ramadan begins (Islamic)
7	Grandparents Day
27	Lailat Ul Qadr (Islamic)
30	Hashanah (Jewish New Year)

*October*

2	Eid-ad-Fitr (Islamic)
5	World Communion Sunday
9	Yom Kippur
13	Columbus Day
14	First Day of Sukkot
20	Last Day of Sukkot
24	United Nations Day
31	All Hallow's Eve (Halloween)
31	Reformation Day

*November*

1	All Saints' Day
2	All Faithful Departed Day
2	Daylight Savings Time ends
4	Election Day
11	Veterans Day
27	Thanksgiving Day
30	First Sunday in Advent

*December*

7	Second Sunday in Advent
9	Eid-al-Adha (Islamic)
14	Third Sunday in Advent
21	Fourth Sunday in Advent
22	First Day of Chanukah
25	Christmas Day
26	Kwanzaa (until Jan. 1)
28	Day of the Holy Innocents
29	Last Day of Chanukah
31	New Year's Eve

**The Revised Common Lectionary for 2008**

The following Scriptures are commended for use by various Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church and include first, second, and Gospel readings, and Psalms for 2008.

*New Year's Day*

Jan. 1: Eccl. 3:1–3; Ps. 8; Rev. 21:1a; Matt. 25:31–6

*Season of Epiphany*

Jan. 6: Isa. 60:1–6; Ps. 72:1–7, 10–14; Eph. 3:1–12; Matt. 2:1–12

Jan. 13: Isa. 42:1–9; Ps. 29; Acts 10:34–43; Matt. 3:13–17

Jan. 20: Isa. 49:1–7; Ps. 40:1–11; 1 Cor. 1:1–9; John 1:29–42  
Jan. 27: Isa. 9:1–4; Ps. 27:1, 4–9; 1 Cor. 1:10–18; Matt. 4:12–23  
Feb. 3: Exod. 24:12–18; Ps. 99; 2 Pet. 1:16–21; Matt. 17:1–9

### *Season of Lent*

Feb. 6 (Ash Wednesday): Joel 2:1–2, 12–17; Ps. 51:1–17; 2 Cor. 5:20b–6:10; Matt. 6:1–6, 16–21  
Feb. 10: Gen. 2:15–17, 3:1–7; Ps. 32; Rom. 5:12–19; Matt. 4:1–11  
Feb. 17: Gen. 12:1–4a; Ps. 121; Rom. 4:1–5, 13–17; John 3:1–17  
Feb. 24: Exod. 17:1–7; Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1–11; John 4:5–42  
Mar. 2: 1 Sam. 16:1–13; Ps. 23; Eph. 5:8–14; John 9:1–41  
Mar. 9: Ezek. 37:1–14; Ps. 130; Rom. 8:6–11; John 11:1–45

### *Holy Week and Easter Season*

Mar. 16 (Palm Sunday): Liturgy of the Palms: Matt. 21:1–11; Ps. 118:1–2, 19–29; Liturgy of the Passion: Isa. 50:4–9a; Ps. 31:9–16; Phil. 2:5–11; Matt. 26:14–27:66 or Matt. 27:11–54  
Mar. 17 (Monday): Isa. 42:1–9; Ps. 36:5–11; Heb. 9:11–15; John 12:1–11  
Mar. 18 (Tuesday): Isa. 49:1–7; Ps. 71:1–14; 1 Cor. 1:18–31; John 12:20–36  
Mar. 19 (Wednesday): Isa. 50:4–9a; Ps. 70; Heb. 12:1–3; John 13:21–32  
Mar. 20 (Thursday): Exod. 12:1–4 (5–10), 11–14; Ps. 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Cor. 11:23–26; John 13:1–17, 31b–35  
Mar. 21 (Good Friday): Isa. 52:13–53:12; Ps. 22; Heb. 10:16–25; John 18:1–19:42  
Mar. 22 (Holy Saturday): Gen. 1:1–2:4a; Ps. 136:1–9, 23–26; Isa. 55:1–11; Rom. 6:3–11; Matt. 28:1–10  
Mar. 23 (Easter): Acts 10:34–43; Ps. 118:1–2, 14–24; Col. 3:1–4; John 20:1–18 or Matt. 28:1–10  
Mar. 30: Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Ps. 16; 1 Pet. 1:3–9; John 20:19–31  
Apr. 6: Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Ps. 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Pet. 1:17–23; Luke 24:13–35  
Apr. 13: Acts 2:42–47; Ps. 23; 1 Pet. 2:19–25; John 10:1–10  
Apr. 20: Acts 7:55–60; Ps. 31:1–5, 15–16; 1 Pet. 2:2–10; John 14:1–14  
Apr. 27: Acts 17:22–31; Ps. 66:8–20; 1 Pet. 3:13–22; John 14:15–21

- May 1 (Ascension Day): Acts 1:1–11; Ps. 47; Eph. 1:15–23; Luke 24:44–53
- May 4: Acts 1:6–14; Ps. 68:1–10, 32–35; 1 Pet. 4:12–14, 5:6–11; John 17:1–11
- May 11 (Pentecost): Acts 2:1–21; Ps. 104:24–34, 35b; 1 Cor. 12:3b–13; John 7:37–39
- May 18 (Trinity Sunday): Gen. 1:1–2:4a; Ps. 8; 2 Cor. 13:11–13; Matt. 28:16–20
- May 25: Isa. 49:8–16a; Ps. 131 or Ps. 62:5–12; 1 Cor. 4:1–5; Matt. 6:24–34
- June 1: Gen. 6:9–22, 7:24, 8:14–19; Ps. 46; Rom. 1:16–17, 3:22b–28 (29–31); Matt. 7:21–29
- June 8: Gen. 12:1–9; Ps. 33:1–12; Rom. 4:13–25; Matt. 9:9–13, 18–26
- June 15: Gen. 18:1–15; Ps. 116:1–2, 12–19; Rom. 5:1–8; Matt. 9:35–10:8 (9–23)
- June 22: Gen. 21:8–21; Ps. 86:1–10, 16–17 or Ps. 17; Rom. 6:1b–11; Matt. 10:24–39
- June 29: Gen. 22:1–14; Ps. 13; Rom. 6:12–23; Matt. 10:40–42
- July 6: Gen. 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67; Ps. 45:10–17 or Ps. 72; Rom. 7:15–25a; Matt. 11:16–19, 25–30
- July 13: Gen. 25:19–34; Ps. 119:105–112 or Ps. 25; Rom. 8:1–11; Matt. 13:1–9, 18–23
- July 20: Gen. 28:10–19a; Ps. 139:1–12, 23–24; Rom. 8:12–25; Matt. 13:24–30, 36–43
- July 27: Gen. 29:15–28; Ps. 105:1–11, 45b; Rom. 8:26–39; Matt. 13:31–33, 44–52
- Aug. 3: Gen. 32:22–31; Ps. 17:1–7, 15; Rom. 9:1–5; Matt. 14:13–21
- Aug. 10: Gen. 37:1–4, 12–28; Ps. 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b; Rom. 10:5–15; Matt. 14:22–33
- Aug. 17: Gen. 45:1–15; Ps. 133; Rom. 11:1–2a, 29–32; Matt. 15:10–20, 21–28
- Aug. 24: Exod. 1:8–2:10; Ps. 124; Rom. 12:1–8; Matt. 16:13–20
- Aug. 31: Exod. 3:1–15; Ps. 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c; Rom. 12:9–21; Matt. 16:21–28
- Sept. 7: Exod. 12:1–14; Ps. 149:1 or Ps. 148; Rom. 13:8–14; Matt. 18:15–20
- Sept. 14: Exod. 14:19–31; Exod. 15:1b–11, 20–21; Rom. 14:1–12; Matt. 18:21–35

- Sept. 21: Exod. 16:2–15; Ps. 105:1–6, 37–45 or Ps. 78; Phil. 1:21–30; Matt. 20:1–16
- Sept. 28: Exod. 17:1–7; Ps. 78:1–4, 12–6; Phil. 2:1–13; Matt. 21:23–32
- Oct. 5: Exod. 20:1–4, 7–9, 12–20; Ps. 19; Phil. 3:4b–14; Matt. 21:33–46
- Oct. 12: Exod. 32:1–14; Ps. 23 or Ps. 106:1–6, 19–23; Phil. 4:1–9; Matt. 22:1–14
- Oct. 19: Exod. 33:12–23; Ps. 99; 1 Thess. 1:1–10; Matt. 22:15–22
- Oct. 26: Deut. 34:1–12; Ps. 90:1–6, 13–17; 1 Thess. 2:1–8; Matt. 22:34–46
- Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day): Rev. 7:9–17; Ps. 34:1–10, 22; 1 John 3:1–3; Matt. 5:1–12
- Nov. 2 (All Saints' Sunday): Josh. 3:7–17; Ps. 107:1–7, 33–37; 1 Thess. 2:9–13; Matt. 23:1–12
- Nov. 9: Josh. 24:1–3a, 14–25; Ps. 78:1–7; 1 Thess. 4:13–18; Matt. 25:1–13
- Nov. 16: Judg. 4:1–7; Ps. 123 or Ps. 76; 1 Thess. 5:1–11; Matt. 25:14–30
- Nov. 23 (Christ the King): Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24; Ps. 100; Eph. 1:15–23; Matt. 25:31–46
- Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving Day): Deut. 8:7–18; Ps. 65; 2 Cor. 9:6–15; Luke 17:11–19

### *Advent and Christmas Season*

- Nov. 30: Isa. 64:1–9; Ps. 80:1–7, 17–19; 1 Cor. 1:3–9; Mark 13:24–37
- Dec. 7: Isa. 40:1–11; Ps. 85:1–2, 8–13; 2 Pet. 3:8–15a; Mark 1:1–8
- Dec. 14: Isa. 61:1–4, 8–11; Ps. 126; 1 Thess. 5:16–24; John 1:6–8, 19–28
- Dec. 21: 2 Sam. 7:1–11, 16; Rom. 16:25–27; Luke 1:26–38, 47–55
- Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve): Isa. 9:2–7; Ps. 96; Titus 2:11–14; Luke 2:1–20
- Dec. 25 (Christmas Day): Isa. 52:7–10; Ps. 98; Heb. 1:1–4 (5–12); John 1:1–14
- Dec. 28: Isa. 61:10–62:3; Ps. 148; Gal. 4:4–7; Luke 2:22–40

### Four-Year Church Calendar

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 6	Feb. 25	Feb. 17	Mar. 9
Palm Sunday	Mar. 16	Apr. 5	Mar. 28	Apr. 17
Good Friday	Mar. 21	Apr. 10	Apr. 2	Apr. 22
Easter	Mar. 23	Apr. 12	Apr. 4	Apr. 24

Ascension Day	May 1	May 21	May 13	June 2
Pentecost	May 11	May 31	May 23	June 12
Trinity Sunday	May 18	June 7	May 30	June 19
Thanksgiving	Nov. 27	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 24
Advent Sunday	Nov. 30	Nov. 29	Nov. 28	Nov. 27

**Forty-Year Easter Calendar**

2008 March 23	2018 April 1	2028 April 16	2038 April 25
2009 April 12	2019 April 21	2029 April 1	2039 April 10
2010 April 4	2020 April 12	2030 April 21	2040 April 1
2011 April 24	2021 April 4	2031 April 13	2041 April 2
2012 April 8	2022 April 17	2032 March 28	2042 April 6
2013 March 31	2023 April 9	2033 April 17	2043 March 29
2014 April 20	2024 March 31	2034 April 9	2044 April 17
2015 April 5	2025 April 20	2035 March 25	2045 April 9
2016 March 27	2026 April 5	2036 April 13	2046 March 25
2017 April 16	2027 March 28	2037 April 5	2047 April 14

**Traditional Wedding Anniversary Identifications**

1 Paper	7 Wool	13 Lace	35 Coral
2 Cotton	8 Bronze	14 Ivory	40 Ruby
3 Leather	9 Pottery	15 Crystal	45 Sapphire
4 Linen	10 Tin	20 China	50 Gold
5 Wood	11 Steel	25 Silver	55 Emerald
6 Iron	12 Silk	30 Pearl	60 Diamond

**Colors Appropriate for Days and Seasons**

*White.* Symbolizes purity, perfection, and joy and identifies festivals marking events in the life of Jesus, except Good Friday: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Eastertide, Ascension Day; also Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, weddings, funerals. Gold may also be used.

*Red.* Symbolizes the Holy Spirit, martyrdom, and the love of God: Good Friday, Pentecost, and Sundays following.

*Violet.* Symbolizes penitence: Advent, Lent.

*Green.* Symbolizes mission to the world, hope, regeneration, nurture, and growth: Epiphany season, Kingdombtide, Rural Life Sunday, Labor Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday.

*Blue.* Advent, in some churches.

### Flowers in Season Appropriate for Church Use

January: carnation or snowdrop	July: larkspur or water lily
February: violet or primrose	August: gladiolus or poppy
March: jonquil or daffodil	September: aster or morning star
April: lily, sweet pea, or daisy	October: calendula or cosmos
May: lily of the valley or hawthorn	November: chrysanthemum
June: rose or honeysuckle	December: narcissus, holly, or poinsettia

### Quotable Quotations

1. The sum of the whole is this: walk and be happy; walk and be healthy. The best way to lengthen out our days is to walk steadily and with a purpose.—Charles Dickens
2. When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.—Mark Twain
3. He that waits upon Fortune, is never sure of a Dinner.  
—Benjamin Franklin
4. Cromwell, I charge thee, fling away ambition. By that sin fell the angels. How can man, then, the image of his maker, hope to win by it?—Shakespeare
5. We can refute assertions, but who can refute silence?—Charles Dickens
6. The penalty of backsliding is not something unreal or vague . . . but something already marked within the structure of the soul.  
—Henry Drummond
7. The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.—Mark Twain
8. Within that awful volume lies the mystery of mysteries! Happiest they of human race to whom God has granted grace to read, to fear, to hope, to pray . . . and better had they not been born who read to doubt or read to scorn.—Sir Walter Scott, written in his Bible
9. Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.—Abraham Lincoln

10. God heals, and the doctor takes the fee.—Benjamin Franklin
11. To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God.—William Temple
12. The reputation of our enemies must be as sacred from our gossip as the reputation of our dearest relatives.—F. W. Faber
13. Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.—Mark Twain
14. Tolerance means reverence for all the possibilities of truth.  
—John Morley
15. It is a tremendous moment when first one is called upon to join the great army of those who suffer.—George John Romanes
16. I destroy my enemy when I make him my friend.—Abraham Lincoln
17. There is no limit to human suffering. When one thinks, “Now I have touched the bottom of the sea—now I can go no deeper,” one goes deeper.—Katherine Mansfield
18. Culture, like a mountain, should be broad-based, as it is to rise to a lofty height.—Edmond Holmes
19. Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.  
—Charles Dickens
20. It ain’t those parts of the Bible that I can’t understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.—Mark Twain
21. Is not our want the occasion of our brother’s charity, and thus does not good come out of that evil?—William Makepeace Thackeray
22. Character is like a tree and reputation like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.—Abraham Lincoln
23. You cannot run away from a weakness; you must some time fight it out or perish.—Robert Louis Stevenson
24. Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal was that they escaped teething.—Mark Twain
25. Charity begins at home, and justice begins next door.—Charles Dickens
26. Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed.—Abraham Lincoln

27. Be sure your sin will find you out. It does not say your sin will be found. It says it will find you out in the deep and secret places of the soul.—G. H. Morrison
28. There is only one sin, and it is characteristic of the whole world. It is the self-will which prefers “my” way to God’s, which puts me in the center where only God is in place.—William Temple
29. The most frequent impediment to men’s turning the mind inward upon themselves is that they are afraid of what they shall find there.—Samuel Taylor Coleridge
30. To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards out of men.—Abraham Lincoln
31. One reason why we meet so few people who are reasonable and agreeable in conversation is that there is scarcely anybody who does not think more of what he has to say than of answering what is said to him.—Lord Chesterfield
32. Methuselah lived to be 969 years old. . . . You boys and girls will see more in the next fifty years than Methuselah saw in his whole lifetime.—Mark Twain
33. If I had my life to live over again, I would make it a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once a week.  
—Charles Darwin
34. Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.—Benjamin Franklin
35. A loving heart is the truest wisdom.—Charles Dickens
36. Freedom is the last, best hope of earth.—Abraham Lincoln
37. A man will hardly ever be awkward in public, who in secret pay habitual reverent court to God.—F. W. Faber
38. The highest proof of virtue is to possess boundless power without abusing it.—T. B. Macaulay
39. I say fearlessly respecting repose, that no work of art can be great without it, and that all art is great in proportion to the appearance of it.—John Ruskin
40. I believe that remorse is the least active of all a man’s moral senses—the very easiest to be deadened when wakened; and in some never wakened at all.—William Makepeace Thackeray

41. A man who has wrapped his will in God's will, put his life consciously in the stream of divine life, for such a man there is an over-ruling Providence which guards and guides him in every incident of his life.—George Seaver
42. The fact of progress is written plain and large on the page of history; but progress is not a law of nature. . . . The thoughts of men may flow into channels which lead to disaster and barbarism.—H.A.L. Fisher
43. The one kind of pride which is wholly damnable is the pride of the man who has something to be proud of.—G. K. Chesterton
44. I believe that the root of almost every schism and heresy from which the Christian church has ever suffered, has been the effort of men to earn, rather than to receive their salvation.—John Ruskin
45. There is nothing that makes us love a man so much as praying for him.—William Law
46. Among the smaller duties of life, I hardly know any one more important than of not praising where praise is not due.—Sydney Smith
47. Doubtless, peace of mind, a quiet conscience, and a cheerful countenance are the gift of the Gospel, and the sign of the Christian.—John Henry Newman
48. History is a voice for ever sounding across the centuries the laws of right and wrong. . . . Justice and truth alone endure and live. Injustice and falsehood may be long-lived, but doomsday comes to them at last.—J. A. Froude
49. Martyrdom . . . is often a battlefield where no clash of earthly combatants is heard. . . . To have the spirit of a martyr . . . is to be true at all costs to the best and highest things you know.—F. W. Faber
50. We have more moral, political, and historical wisdom than we know how to reduce into practice.—Percy Bysshe Shelley

### Questions of Life and Religion

1. What is the will of God and how does one know it?
2. Does providence rule one's life, or is there authentic human freedom to choose?
3. How does a Christian reconcile patriotism and loyalty to Christ?
4. In what ways does Christian faith encourage the role of parenting?

5. Can youth learn from the elderly? How?
6. What are the unexplainable mysteries to your personal faith?
7. Who teaches us morality, and how is it taught?
8. Is money the root of all evil?
9. Do miracles happen in the modern world?
10. What virtue is there in meditation and contemplation?
11. How is a martyr to be defined?
12. What are the values of a Christian marriage?
13. What is meant by justification by faith and not by law?
14. How important is ecumenical thought in our day?
15. Laughter is said to cure a thousand ills. Do you agree?
16. Is sin personal or is it corporate?
17. How are Christians to view war?
18. If death is our entry into heaven, why do we so fear it?
19. Is justice a possibility in a world filled with hate?
20. How do we reconcile pluralism with the mandate to be of one mind?
21. Do we still worship idols today?
22. How do you define a hypocrite?
23. What place do historic hymns have in present-day worship?
24. What are the “high ideals” that claim your life?
25. Why is the Christian family so important to modern society?
26. Hope is defined as the assurance of things not seen. What does that mean?
27. Are “gifts of the Spirit” still active in our modern day?
28. What does heaven look like? Are there really “streets of gold?”
29. We all fail at some time. How does God encourage us in such times?
30. Can Christian faith make families stronger? How so?
31. What does “being called” by God mean? How would one know?
32. My friend’s church has times of fasting. Why don’t we?
33. Do we control our own destiny, or is our fate already determined?
34. What is the limit to an appropriate premarital sexual relationship?
35. Is it a sin to make bad grades?
36. Why do we need to go to church each week?
37. I’m confused. Which is the best translation of the Bible?

38. How can I know God's will for my life?
39. What does the word *gospel* mean? How does it affect my life?
40. I have Muslim friends. How can I share my faith with them?
41. How do I overcome my fear of death?
42. Are all religions the same?
43. Can good and evil coexist forever?
44. What is servant leadership? How is humility a motivator?
45. What did Jesus mean when he said little children were "like unto the Kingdom of God"?
46. Can all sin, regardless of its severity, be forgiven?
47. I read a book that said I had a purpose for living. How can I find my purpose?
48. Is it wrong for a Christian to pledge loyalty to the American flag?
49. The book of Revelation frightens me. What does it mean?
50. I am a Christian, but I don't understand why I need to be baptized. What is that about?

### Biblical Benedictions and Blessings

The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent from one another.—  
Gen. 31:49

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.—Num. 6:24–26

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers; let him not leave us, nor forsake us; that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers.—1 Kings 8:57–58

Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus; that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify Christ. Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. Now the God of peace be with you all.—Rom. 15:5–6, 13, 33

Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the beginning of the world, but now is manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: to God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever.—Rom. 16:25–27

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 1:3

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.—2 Cor. 13:14

Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.—Eph. 6:23–24

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of god report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which you have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you.—Phil. 4:7–9

Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.—2 Thess. 1:11–12

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.—2 Thess. 3:16–18

Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.  
—1 Tim. 1:2

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—Heb. 13:20–21

The God of all grace, who has called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Greet one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus.—1 Pet. 5:10–11, 14

Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.—2 John 3

Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you as faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever.—Jude 24–25

Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.—Rev. 1:4–6

