

SECTION I



GENERAL AIDS
AND
RESOURCES

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Civil Year Calendars for 2009 and 2010

2009

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Church and Civic Calendar for 2009

<i>January</i>		10	Good Friday
1	New Year's Day	11	Holy Saturday
6	Epiphany	12	Easter Sunday
7	Orthodox Christmas	16	Last Day of Passover (Jewish)
14	Orthodox New Year		
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day		
20	Muharram (Islamic New Year)	<i>May</i>	
25	Conversion of St. Paul	5	Cinco de Mayo (Mexican)
		10	Mother's Day
<i>February</i>		21	Ascension Day
14	Valentine's Day	25	Memorial Day
16	Washington's Birthday	31	Pentecost Sunday
24	Shrove Tuesday		
25	Ash Wednesday	<i>June</i>	
<i>March</i>		7	Trinity Sunday
1	First Sunday in Lent	11	Corpus Christi
8	Second Sunday in Lent	21	Father's Day
8	Daylight Savings Time Begins	29	St. Peter's Day
15	Third Sunday in Lent	<i>July</i>	
17	St. Patrick's Day	4	Independence Day
20	Vernal Equinox	30	Tisha B'Av (Jewish)
22	Fourth Sunday in Lent	<i>August</i>	
25	Annunciation Day	6	Transfiguration Day
29	Fifth Sunday in Lent	8	Mary, Mother of Jesus
<i>April</i>		<i>September</i>	
5	Palm Sunday	7	Labor Day
9	Maundy Thursday	19	Rosh Hashanah (Jewish)
9	First Day of Passover (Jewish)	22	Autumn Equinox
		28	Yom Kippur (Jewish)

<i>October</i>		29	First Sunday in Advent
4	World Communion Sunday	29	Christ the King Sunday
12	Columbus Day		
27	Reformation Day		
28	Yom Kippur (Jewish)	6	Second Sunday in Advent
31	All Hallow's Eve (Halloween)	12	First Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)
		13	Third Sunday in Advent
<i>November</i>		19	Last Day of Hanukkah (Jewish)
1	All Saints' Day		
2	All Faithful Departed Day	20	Fourth Sunday in Advent
3	Election Day	25	Christmas Day
11	Veterans Day	26	Kwanza (until January 1)
26	Thanksgiving Day	31	New Year's Eve

The Revised Common Lectionary for 2009

The following scriptures are recommended for use by various Protestant churches and the Roman Catholic Church and include first, second, and gospel readings, and psalms for 2009.

Season of Epiphany

Jan. 4: (Epiphany of the Lord): Isa. 60:1–6; Ps. 72:1–7, 10–14; Eph. 3:1–12; Matt. 2:1–12

Jan. 11: (First Sunday after Epiphany—Baptism of the Lord): Gen. 1:1–5; Ps. 29; Acts 19:1–7; Mark 1:4–11

Jan. 18: (Second Sunday after Epiphany): 1 Sam. 3:1–10 (11–20); Ps. 139:1–6, 13–18; 1 Cor. 6:12–20; John 1:43–51

Jan. 25: (Third Sunday after Epiphany): Jon. 3:1–5, 10; Ps. 62:5–12; 1 Cor. 7:29–31; Mark 1:14–20

Feb. 1: (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany): Deut. 18:15–20; Ps. 111; 1 Cor. 8:1–13; Mark 1:21–28

Feb. 8: (Fifth Sunday after Epiphany): Isa. 40:21–31; Ps. 147:1–11, 20c; 1 Cor. 9:16–23; Mark 1:29–39

Feb. 15: (Sixth Sunday after Epiphany): 2 Kings 5:1–14; Ps. 30; 1 Cor. 9:24–27; Mark 1:40–45

Feb. 22: (Last Sunday after Epiphany—Transfiguration Sunday): 2 Kings 2:1–12; Ps. 50:1–6; 2 Cor. 4:3–6; Mark 9:2–9

Season of Lent

Mar. 1: (First Sunday in Lent): Gen. 9:8–17; Ps. 25:1–10; 1 Pet. 3:18–22; Mark 1:9–15

Mar. 8: (Second Sunday in Lent): Gen. 17:1–7, 15–16; Ps. 22:23–31; Rom. 4:13–25; Mark 8:31–38

Mar. 15: (Third Sunday in Lent): Exod. 20:1–17; Ps. 19; 1 Cor. 1:18–25; John 2:13–22

Mar. 22: (Fourth Sunday in Lent): Num. 21:4–9; Ps. 107:1–3, 17–22; Eph. 2:1–10; John 3:14–21

Mar. 29: (Fifth Sunday in Lent): Jer. 31:31–34; Ps. 51:1–12; Heb. 5:5–10; John 12:20–33

Holy Week and Easter Season

Apr. 5: (Sixth Sunday in Lent—Passion or Palm Sunday): *Liturgy of the Palms*—Mark 11:1–11; Ps. 118:1–2, 19–29; *Liturgy of the Passion*—Isa. 50:4–9a; Ps. 31:9–16; Phil. 2:5–11; Mark 14:1–15:47 or Mark 15:1–39 (40–47)

Apr. 12: (Easter Day): Acts 10:34–43; Ps. 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Cor. 15:1–11; John 20:1–18 or Mark 16:1–8

Apr. 19: (Second Sunday of Easter): Acts 4:32–35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 20:19–31

Apr. 26: (Third Sunday of Easter): Acts 3:12–19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1–7; Luke 24:36b–48

May 3: (Fourth Sunday of Easter): Acts 4:5–12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16–24; John 10:11–18

May 10: (Fifth Sunday of Easter): Acts 8:26–40; Ps. 22:25–31; 1 John 4:7–21; John 15:1–8

May 17: (Sixth Sunday of Easter): Acts 10:44–48; Ps. 98; 1 John 5:1–6; John 15:9–17

- May 24: (Seventh Sunday of Easter—Ascension Sunday): Acts 1:15–17, 21–26; Ps. 1; 1 John 5:9–13; John 17:6–19
- May 31: (Day of Pentecost): Acts 2:1–21; Ps. 104:24–34, 35b; Rom. 8:22–27; John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15
- June 7: (First Sunday after Pentecost—Trinity Sunday): Isa. 6:1–8; Ps. 29; Rom. 8:12–17; John 3:1–17
- June 14: (Second Sunday after Pentecost): 1 Sam. 15:34–16:13; Ps. 20 or Ps. 92; 2 Cor. 5:6–13, 14–17; Mark 4:26–34
- June 21: (Third Sunday after Pentecost): 1a Sam. 17:1a, 4–11, 19–23, 32–49; Ps. 9:9–20; 2 Cor. 6:1–13; Mark 4:35–41
- June 28: (Fourth Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 1:1, 17–27; Ps. 130; 2 Cor. 8:7–15; Mark 5:21–43
- July 5: (Fifth Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 5:1–5, 9–10; Ps. 48; 2 Cor. 12:2–10; Mark 6:1–13
- July 12: (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 6:1–5, 12b–19; Ps. 24; Eph. 1:3–14; Mark 6:14–29
- July 19: (Seventh Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 7:1–14a; Ps. 89:20–37; Eph. 2:11–22; Mark 6:30–34, 53–56
- July 26: (Eighth Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 11:1–15; Ps. 14; Eph. 3:14–21; John 6:1–21
- Aug. 2: (Ninth Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 11:26–12:13a; Ps. 51:1–12; Eph. 4:1–6; John 6:24–35
- Aug. 9: (Tenth Sunday after Pentecost): 2 Sam. 18:5–9, 15, 31–33; Ps. 130; Eph. 4:25–5:2; John 6:35, 41–45
- Aug. 16: (Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost): 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14; Ps. 111; Eph. 5:15–20; John 6:51–58
- Aug. 23: (Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost): 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10–11, 22–30, 41–43; Ps. 84; Eph. 6:10–20; John 6:56–69
- Aug. 30: (Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost): Song of Sol. 2:8–13; Ps. 45:1–2, 6–9 or Ps. 72; James 1:17–27; Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23
- Sept. 6: (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost): Prov. 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23; Ps. 125 or Ps. 124; James 2:1–10 (11–13), 14–17; Mark 7:24–37
- Sept. 13: (Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost): Prov. 1:20–33; Ps. 19; James 3:1–12; Mark 8:27–38

Sept. 20: (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost): Prov. 31:10–31; Ps. 1; James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a; Mark 9:30–37

Sept. 27: (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost—World Communion Sunday): Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22; Ps. 124; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50

Oct. 4: (Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost): Job 1:1; 2:1–10; Ps. 26 or Ps. 25; Heb. 1:1–4; 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16

Oct. 11: (Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Laity Sunday or Children's Sabbath): Job 23:1–9, 16–17; Ps. 22:1–15; Heb. 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31

Oct. 18: (Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost): Job 38:1–7 (34–41); Ps. 104:1–9, 24, 35c; Heb. 5:1–10; Mark 10:35–45

Oct. 25: (Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost): Job 42:1–6, 10–17; Ps. 34:1–8 (19–22); Heb. 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52

Nov. 1: (Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost): Ruth 1:1–18; Ps. 146; Heb. 9:11–14; Mark 12:28–34

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(All Saints' Sunday): Isa. 25:6–9; Ps. 24; Rev. 21:1–6a; John 11:32–44

Nov. 8: (Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost): Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17; Ps. 127 or Ps. 42; Heb. 9:24–28; Mark 12:38–44

Nov. 15: (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost): 1 Sam. 1:4–20; 1 Sam. 2:1–10 or Ps. 113; Heb. 10:11–14 (15–18), 19–25; Mark 13:1–8

Nov. 22: (Christ the King Sunday): 2 Sam. 23:1–7; Ps. 132:1–12; Rev. 1:4b–8; John 18:33–37

Advent and Christmas Season

Nov. 29: (First Sunday in Advent): Jer. 33:14–16; Ps. 25:1–10; 1 Thess. 3:9–13; Luke 21:25–36

Dec. 6: (Second Sunday in Advent): Mal. 3:1–4; Luke 1:68–79; Phil. 1:3–11; Luke 3:1–6

Dec. 13: (Third Sunday in Advent): Zeph. 3:14–20; Isa. 12:2–6; Phil. 4:4–7; Luke 3:7–18

Dec. 20: (Fourth Sunday in Advent): Mic. 5:2–5a; Luke 1:46b–55; Heb. 10:5–10; Luke 1:39–45

Dec. 27: (First Sunday after Christmas Day): 1 Sam. 2:18–20, 26; Ps. 148;
Col. 3:12–17; Luke 2:41–52

Four-Year Church Calendar

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Ash Wednesday	Feb. 25	Feb. 17	Mar. 9	Feb. 22
Palm Sunday	Apr. 5	Mar. 28	Apr. 17	Apr. 1
Good Friday	Apr. 10	Apr. 2	Apr. 22	Apr. 6
Easter	Apr. 12	Apr. 4	Apr. 24	Apr. 8
Ascension Day	May 21	May 13	June 2	May 17
Pentecost	May 31	May 23	June 12	May 27
Trinity Sunday	June 7	May 30	June 19	June 3
Thanksgiving	Nov. 26	Nov. 25	Nov. 24	Nov. 22
Advent Sunday	Nov. 29	Nov. 28	Nov. 27	Dec. 2

Forty-Year Easter Calendar

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
2018 April 1	2028 April 16	2038 April 25	2048 April 5

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, Kingdomtide, 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. Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.—Robert Frost
2. Kites rise highest against the wind—not with it.—Winston Churchill
3. Love a man, even in his sin, for that love is a likeness of the divine love, and is the summit of love on earth.—Fyodor Dostoevsky
4. Call your opinions your creed, and you will change them every week. Make your creed simply and broadly out of the revelation of God, and you will keep it to the end.—Phillips Brooks
5. When your friends begin to flatter you on how young you look, it's a sure sign you're getting old.—Mark Twain
6. He that waits upon Fortune, is never sure of a Dinner.—Benjamin Franklin

7. We can refute assertions, but who can refute silence?—Charles Dickens
8. Freedom is the last, best hope of earth.—Abraham Lincoln
9. He who thinks himself wise, O heavens, is a great fool.—Voltaire
10. Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.—Benjamin Franklin
11. Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.—Oscar Wilde
12. Charity begins at home, and justice begins next door.—Charles Dickens
13. To sin by silence when they should protest makes cowards out of men.—Abraham Lincoln
14. Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to.—Mark Twain
15. 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
16. Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.—Abraham Lincoln
17. 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
18. With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us finish the work we are in.—Abraham Lincoln
19. God heals, and the doctor takes the fee.—Benjamin Franklin
20. Reflect on your present blessings, of which every man has many; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.—Charles Dickens
21. 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
22. Come my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world.—Alfred Lord Tennyson
23. If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, “thank you,” that would suffice.—Meister Eckhart

24. Education is hanging around until you've caught on.—Robert Frost
25. I destroy my enemy when I make him my friend.—Abraham Lincoln
26. What is hell? I maintain that it is the suffering of being unable to love.—Fyodor Dostoevsky
27. A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.—Winston Churchill
28. Let us at all times remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country, and should dwell together in bonds of fraternal feeling.—Abraham Lincoln
29. A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything but the value of nothing.—Oscar Wilde
30. A liar will not be believed, even when he speaks the truth.—Aesop
31. Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices.—Voltaire
32. 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
33. Adam and Eve had many advantages, but the principal was that they escaped teething.—Mark Twain
34. Moral science is better occupied when treating of friendship than of justice.—Thomas Aquinas
35. As much as I converse with sages and heroes, they have very little of my love and admiration. I long for a rural and domestic scene, for the warbling of birds and the prattling of my children.—John Adams
36. The things that we love tell us what we are.—Thomas Aquinas
37. God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning
38. As I live and am a man, this is an unexaggerated tale—my dreams become the substances of my life.—Samuel Taylor Coleridge
39. It is in the character of very few men to honor without envy a friend who has prospered.—Aeschylus
40. Of all virtues and dignities of the mind, goodness is the greatest, being the character of the Deity; and without it, man is a busy, mischievous, wretched thing.—Francis Bacon

41. A man's character is the reality of himself; his reputation, the opinion others have formed about him; character resides in him, reputation in other people; that is the substance, this is the shadow.—Henry Ward Beecher
42. 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
43. One must change one's tactics every ten years if one wishes to maintain one's superiority.—Napoleon Bonaparte
44. Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves.—Abraham Lincoln
45. No change of circumstances can repair a defect of character.—Ralph Waldo Emerson
46. Men fear death as children fear to go in the dark; and as that natural fear in children is increased by tales, so is the other.—Francis Bacon
47. It is not death or pain that is to be dreaded, but the fear of pain or death.—Epictetus
48. To have joy one must share it. Happiness was born a twin.—Lord Byron
49. A loving heart is the truest wisdom.—Charles Dickens
50. The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just.—Abraham Lincoln

Questions of Life and Religion

1. In marriage, is the husband truly the "head" of the house?
2. I heard at school that all religions are the same. Is that true?
3. How do religion and science relate? Or do they?
4. What is the biblical view on war? How can we understand war today?
5. The money I earn is mine, isn't it?
6. My neighbor is impossible to get along with. How can I improve our relationship?
7. Am I to "forgive and forget"? Should I not rather remember and learn?
8. My parents don't understand me. What can I do?

9. My children don't understand me. What can I do?
10. What is the controversy between evolution and creation?
11. Our world is filled with trouble. Where is there hope for the future?
12. What are spiritual gifts? What are mine?
13. How important are biblical doctrines to my Christian life?
14. How can God help me to handle my failures?
15. Are there modern-day prophets? Who are they?
16. What do people mean by "the providence of God"?
17. How can I know if I am doing the will of God—or not?
18. Can a believer be both a patriot and a disciple?
19. What is the science of eugenics, and how does it affect my faith?
20. Can morality be learned?
21. Why can't we (couples) live together? Why does marriage matter?
22. I saw a faith healer on TV. What is that about?
23. What did Jesus mean when he said, "Blessed are the poor"?
24. What does the word *gospel* mean?
25. How is the Bible different from the Koran?
26. I read the book of Revelation. What is that about?
27. My friend's parents are getting a divorce. How can I help her?
28. How can nations relate justly toward each other?
29. Are there some things we cannot forgive?
30. I don't believe in miracles. Should I?
31. What is the Kingdom of God?
32. Who is a disciple?
33. Would someone define *evangelism*?
34. How can we witness to other world religions?
35. Why is church attendance important?
36. I am fearful of death. Can you help me?
37. Movies seem to be filled with un-Christian language and behavior. Should I go?
38. Should a person be happy all the time?
39. Prayer seems difficult for me. Is prayer real?
40. What does it mean to be "called" into ministry?
41. Does honesty in the business world matter?

42. How can a family discover the joys of home life?
43. I would like to know what heaven is like. Can someone tell me?
44. Do career choices involve my Christian life? How?
45. What does it mean to be a steward?
46. What role does music play in joint worship?
47. What role does the Holy Spirit play in a Christian's life?
48. How much tolerance are we to have toward those who differ with us?
49. What is fasting?
50. How can I know that God loves me?

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 good 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. 11:11–12

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 forever 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 forever and ever.—Rev. 1:4–6

