

# Advent Devotional - Day 10

2025

December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Scripture: Luke 2:12-14** Verse: *"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*



## Reflection:

The picture of a baby in a manger with angels singing ties heaven's praise to our hunger for peace. In that little stable God doesn't stay distant; God shows up in the mess, the weakness, and the vulnerability of ordinary life. That moment says real peace starts where people are hurting, not from a safe distance.

This peace isn't the same as quiet or apathy. It's about fixing relationships—first with God, then with one another. That means listening without judging, offering forgiveness when wounds are deep, and doing the hard work of repairing what's been broken. Peace isn't just tolerating each other; it's restoring dignity and connection.

In neighborhoods where tensions run high or resources are scarce, peace looks practical. It means sharing time and stuff so nobody's left out, making room for honest conversations, bringing different people together, and training volunteers to help calm and heal conflicts. If our songs say "Glory to God," our actions should be building real bridges of peace in our streets and homes.

## Prayer:

Lord, come among us and teach us to mend broken relationships with listening, forgiveness, and generous care. Give us courage to build welcoming places and practical justice so your peace reaches every street and home. Amen.

## Today's Mt Hope Mindful Response Challenge:

Invite two neighbors or friends who don't know each other well to meet over hot chocolate and a short devotional.



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