



Take a Moment to Pray for **The Hope of God's Peace**

It is spring violet and lilac season. The crocus and most of the daffodils are gone. The tulips are fading, but now the ground is dotted with violets and, if you have not mowed, your yard may be carpeted with the soft purple glow of these little wonders from God's color pallet. If

you are lucky you might even find a white violet in their midst, or a white one with delicate purple strips. . . Combine the visual effect of the violets with the gentle fragrance that fills the air from the lilacs coming on, and you can be caught up in the wonder of God's creation, feel its peace, and rejoice in the new life and the new possibilities around us every day. Thank you, God!

It is important for us to take the time to enjoy this glimpse of the peace God gives us. It is an opportunity to stop and recharge our souls for the continuing challenges of life. The small violets, and the little lilac blooms that must gather together in bunches to form the fragrant cluster flowers, remind us that God does not limit his creations to one way of doing things. They also remind us that there is power in working together. One violet in the grass is a valuable treasure to be searched for. Dozens of them, combining their gifts together, will color the whole yard. One tiny lilac bloom can go unnoticed, but each one of the many in a cluster flower is essential to make the cluster impossible to miss!

Lord, help us to be still and seek the beauty of your peace. Then, from that renewing place, help us to look anew for the tasks you have for us to do, and for the people you call us to work with. We are to be still and know that you are God (Psalms 46:10). We are also to remember that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are present with them (Matthew 18:20). There are endless possibilities in the power you offer when we listen to and follow you. The world needs us be willing channels for you to use it.

This week pray for:

- **Cyclone Idai** victims. It struck Mozambique March 15. More than 1,000 died. Thousands are missing. 3 million people were affected in Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, & Zimbabwe by extensive flooding. Brethren Disaster funds are helping with recovery there.
- **The people of Venezuela** who are still in the middle of major political upheaval.
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