



*Peace and Security
for Burundi*

In the below photo, you see many weapons being laid down. This scene has been repeated many times throughout Burundi.

Why has this happened? Keep reading...





...People are hungry.

Not for food but for peace and security in their lives.
Guns and bullets cannot bring the peace we all desire...

Our nation has taken the long road towards peace...

However, to find lasting peace and real security, we must all look to the words that are eternal.

We must believe with all our hearts what God's Word says about real peace.

Men's words will fade away but God's Word is everlasting. God's Word can be trusted.

God's Word can give us security, not just in this world, but the world beyond.

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8



“For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.”

Matthew 7:14,15

What does God's Word say about Peace?

There are three major things that God's Word says about real peace.

1. Peace does not come from another man or from the world. IT CAN ONLY COME FROM GOD. **Jesus said** *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives."* John 14:27

2. *You can only receive real Peace when you receive the Prince of Peace Jesus into your heart. "I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* John 16:33

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were very far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace..." Ephesians 2:13,14

3. Choose to receive the peace that Jesus offers in your heart by dwelling in (reading) his Word. *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."* Colossians 3:15,16



*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will
be called sons of God.”*

Matthew 5:9

What does God's Word say about Security?

1. Our Security is in God not a Government

Though we are taught to respect and pray for our government leaders, we must not put our trust in government to care for our needs.

In God only can we trust to meet all our needs.

“Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket...Before him all the nations are as nothing.”

Isaiah 40:15,17

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...” Ephesians 3:20

2. Because we are eternal beings, we should not fear those that can kill or harm us but fear only the Lord.

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28



*“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity,
but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline.”*

2 Timothy 1:7

What steps can we take to have Peace and Security?

Make three of the most important choices you'll ever make:

1. If you haven't already, choose to trust in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

2. Allow Christ, the Prince of Peace, to flood your heart with peace.

"You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you." Isaiah 26:3

3. Choose to fear God not man.

"The fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom."
Proverbs 9:10

May God bless our nation of Burundi!
Bro. Leopold Banzubaze



“He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: ‘I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.’”

Matthew 18:2-5

A Word about Love

The Bible is clear—without Love, we are and have Nothing!

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

“Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when



Choose to love one another—start by serving others. Just as Jesus did when he, the King of Kings, washed the feet of his disciples.

perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

We can have peace and security in our land, but we will not be content without love.

Love is patient
Love is kind



May our children grow up to know peace in the Lord.

May we all grow to know the Prince of Peace better.

So that we live together as a nation.

Peace on Earth, good will towards men.

