

The Lakeside



Message in a bottle

Verse of the day for Monday July 28, 2025 - Proverbs 3: 5-6

**5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on
your own understanding;**

**6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your
paths straight.**

Read Proverbs 3 for meditation and inspiration.



HUNGERING FOR PEACE

Dear Lakesiders and Friends,

The late master cellist, Pablo Casals, wrote an Oratorio based on the Nativity of Christ. He called it, simply, "The Manger." When he was eighty-five, he embarked on a personal peace crusade. He said, "I decided to take the Oratorio anywhere in the world that I could and conduct it as a personal message of international understanding and peace. Since the message of this work was peace and the brotherhood of man, what better vehicle had I for acting at this urgent hour?" True to his word, and despite his advanced years, he gave performances of "The Manger" in North and South America, in England, France, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Israel, and a dozen other lands, "Everywhere," he said, "people have demonstrated the same hunger for peace. Every performance has reaffirmed my conviction that it is not the peoples of the world but artificial barriers imposed by their governments that hold them apart." -1

In a message to a 1967 International Peace Conference in Geneva, he said, "We live in an Age in which men have accomplished magnificent things and made miraculous advances, an Age in which man embarks upon the exploration of the stars. Yet, on our own planet, we continue to act as barbarians. Like barbarians, we fear our neighbors on this earth; we arm against them, and they arm against us. The time has come when this must be halted if man is to survive.

The perils have only increased with more sophisticated technology added to the hostilities. Then with AI (Artificial Intelligence) being developed not only for good but also for destruction, the fear of a world savaged by war is becoming all but certain.

Some want to put the TEN COMMANDMENTS in school rooms but no one wants to confront the words of the Prince of Peace and his message on the Sermon on the Mount which goes: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:44-45). Maybe we need this sentiment spread across the world and across our own nation. For we also hear from the Master as recorded in Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the Peacemakers for they will be called the children of God."

Peace to you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Roger".

Roger