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<p>Theme: Archbishops and Peacemakers</p>	<p>Date: 9 Nov 2012</p>
<p>Scripture: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.” (Matthew 5:9 NIV)</p> 	<p>Comment: My mother-in-law is in her last days in this life. In the past, like in many families there have been some unresolved ‘issues’, in this case between her and her son. With much encouragement from my wife they have at last talked, forgiven, hugged and cried. There is peace. I wish they hadn’t left it so late!</p> <p>Peace and unity is something that pleases our God big time. I’ve realised it is important that we don’t avoid ‘issues’, instead we work together to deal with our differences, forgive and re-build trust.</p> <p>Are you a peacemaker, or like me do you at times make things worse, perhaps with harsh or provoking words? What can you do to bring more peace to your relationship, family, and other couples?</p>
<p>Prayer (as a couple): Dear Lord, you approve of those who work to bring peace. Help and me be better peacemakers in our relationship, family and community. In particular help me with regard to (specify the issue) so that I can behave in a way that brings peace and harmony. Amen</p>	<p>Prayer (for others): Dear Lord, we lift up to you ... and Please help them both to be peacemakers, to avoid harsh words and provoking one another. Help them to resolve their differences with wisdom, kindness and patience. Amen</p>
<p>Final quote: “Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.” (James 3:18 NIV)</p>	

From what I’ve read Justin Welby the new Archbishop of Canterbury appears to have experience in reconciliation and is a ‘peacemaker’. He has a difficult and important role. Please pray for him.

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.

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