Philippians 3:20 (NIV) ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ...

Philippians 4:1 (NIV) ¹ Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

Philippians 4:4–5 (NIV)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
 Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all.
 The Lord is near.

Philippians 4:6 (NIV) ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:7 (NIV) ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The ALL Surpassing Peace OF God

Philippians 4:6-7

Isaiah 26:3 (NLT) You will keep in perfect peace ALL who trust in You, ALL whose thoughts are FIXED on You!

⁴ Rejoice IN the Lord always...
 ⁵...The Lord is NEAR

⁶ Do not be ANXIOUS about anything, but IN everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 2:20 (ESV) I have no one like him, who will be genuinely **CONCERNED** for your welfare.

2 Corinthians 11:28 (NET) ...there is the daily pressure on me of my Anxious Concern for all the churches

⁵...The Lord is NEAR. ⁴ Rejoice IN the Lord...

Psalm 27:13–14 (NAS) I would have **Despaired unless I had believed** that I would see the **goodness of the LORD In the land of the living**. ¹⁴ Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.

⁶ Don't WORRY over anything whatever; TELL God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, ⁷ and the PEACE of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant GUARD over your hearts and minds as they Rest IN Christ Jesus. (JBP)

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The Peace OF God stands guard over the two areas that create worry the heart (wrong feeling) and the mind (wrong thinking).

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John 14:27 (NIV) **PEACE | leave with you; My PEACE** I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

 ⁷ And the peace OF God, which transcends all understanding, will GUARD your
 hearts and your minds IN Christ Jesus.

Romans 5:1–2 (NIV) Therefore, since we have been Justified through faith, we have Peace WITH God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand...

1 Peter 5:6-7 (NIV) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast ALL your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.

Because God is NEAR we can...
➢ Rejoice IN the Lord
➢ be Gentle and Gracious
➢ FACE our Fears and Anxiety
➢ Present our REQUESTS to God

Because God is NEAR we can... > be THANKFUL > turn to Him in Total DEPENDENCE > Experience His PEACE