



- Ohio has the 4th highest rate of opioid overdose deaths in the U.S.
- In 2018, Ohio medical care providers wrote 54 opioid prescriptions for every 100 persons.
- Unintentional drug overdose has become the leading cause of injury-related death in Ohio.

Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse

Luke 2:1-14 (NLT)

¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. ⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep.

⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

Luke 2:14 (NLT)

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Isaiah 59:8 (NIV)

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Philippians 4:7 (NIV)

⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PEACE IS ATTAINABLE

Luke 2:14b (NLT)

^{14b} ...peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.”

Romans 5:1-2a (NLT)

¹ Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ^{2a} Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand.

John 14:27 (NLT)

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."



Isaiah 55:9 (NLT)

⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

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Ephesians 2:14a (ESV)

^{14a} For he himself is our peace.

