



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

THE JESUIT PARISH IN SEATTLE

Sunday, December 10, 2023 \* Second Sunday of Advent \* [www.stjosephparish.org](http://www.stjosephparish.org)

## *second sunday of* ADVENT



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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 10, 2023

**Mass Times:** Saturday, 5pm, Sunday, 9:00am,  
11:00am (Livestream w/ASL) 5:30pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays 3:30 to 4:30pm

**Weekday Mass Schedule:** Tuesday-Friday, 7am

### December 17, 2023

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 61:1-2A, 10-11  
SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24  
GOSPEL: JOHN 1:6-8, 19-28  
PRESIDING: CHRIS CARTWRIGHT, S.J.  
PREACHING: JENNIFER KELLY

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12/10 John Ott +  
12/14 Helen Vaudrin +  
12/15 Dorothy J. Jones +

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## A Note from Fr. Chris



Dear Friends,

In our lives today we cannot help but notice many things that make us sad, disturb our peace of mind.

We learn of violence all around the world: Ukraine, Gaza (Israel and Palestine), Sudan, much of the Middle East, just to name the more familiar places. Add to the list the increase and rise of antisemitism and Islamophobia; shootings by the dozen everyday all around our own country; carjacking and thefts in numbers we have not seen before. Surrounding us, on our streets and in the parks and shelters, many men, women and children without housing and adequate food and work are struggling to stay alive, to have a shred of hope.

It is understandable that one might wish to look away from all this sadness; try not to see it or hear of it; despair at ever being able to help or to hope that solutions to all this trouble can actually be found.

Don't turn away. Don't stop listening and seeing and caring. You are seeing what God sees and you are concerned for what is God's concern.

Remember: small acts of love, of charity, of kindness, of thoughtfulness, gentleness, selflessness; being compassionate, loving, attentive, affectionate, and sensitive – all these are the grace of God within us. It all wants merely to come out of us in any way that it can and might.

We do these things and it might just be that "a weary world rejoices!" [O Holy Night]

Blessings,

Fr. Chris

## Christmas Weekend Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd: 5pm Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 24th: 10am Mass (4th Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 24th: 4pm, 6pm, and 10pm Christmas Eve Mass (doors open at 3pm)

Monday, December 25th: 10am Christmas Day Mass

\*Parish Office closed 12/22 - 12/27



# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Prelude

(9) *Comfort Ye*

## Call To Worship

*Please stand at the tolling of the bell.*

## Procession

*Prepare! Prepare!*

*Pishner*

Pre-pare! Pre-pare the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord, oh,

Pre - pare! Pre - pare the way of the Lord... The

Lord our God is com - ing soon. Oh,

Prepare the way, the way of the Lord. Ready your hearts.

Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon! *Ref.*

Justice and peace, kindness and truth shall come to the earth.

Oh, the Lord our God is coming soon! *Ref.*

## Blessing The Advent Wreath

### Penitential Act

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom.  
Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

You came in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness.  
Christ, have mercy. ALL: Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people.  
Lord, have mercy. ALL: Lord, have mercy.

## First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people,  
says your God.  
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her  
that her service is at an end,  
her guilt is expiated;  
indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:  
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!  
Every valley shall be filled in,  
every mountain and hill shall be made low;  
the rugged land shall be made a plain,  
the rough country, a broad valley.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together;  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up onto a high mountain,  
Zion, herald of glad tidings;  
cry out at the top of your voice,  
Jerusalem, herald of good news!  
Fear not to cry out  
and say to the cities of Judah:  
Here is your God!  
Here comes with power  
the Lord GOD,  
who rules by his strong arm;  
here is his reward with him,  
his recompense before him.  
Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;  
in his arms he gathers the lambs,  
carrying them in his bosom,  
and leading the ewes with care.

## Psalm

### Psalm 85

Haugen



Let us hear what our God proclaims:  
Peace to the people of God, salvation is near to the ones who fear God. *Ref.*

Kindness and truth, justice and peace;  
truth shall spring up as the water from the earth, justice shall rain from the heavens. *Ref.*

The Lord will come and you shall know his love, justice shall walk in his pathways,  
salvation the gift that he brings. *Ref.*

## Second Reading

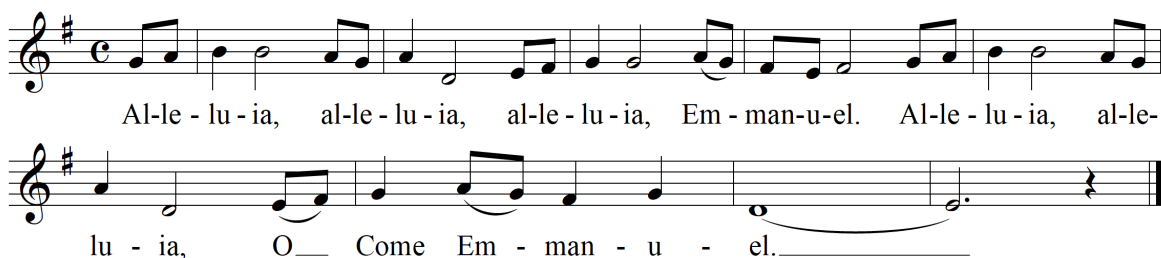
2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

## Gospel Acclamation

Lynch



*Prepare the way of the Lord our God; make straight the path for the Lord.  
And all shall see our saving God, we shall see the salvation of God.*

# Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

*Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;*

*he will prepare your way.*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,*

*make straight his paths."*

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

## Homily

**Matthew Pyrc, S.J.**

## Profession of Faith

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow.*

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,

*All stand upright.*

suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen



## Offertory Song

*(9) Mary Said Yes*

*Carroll*

Mary said, "Yes", Mary said, "Yes," Mary said, "Yes," to the angel of the Lord

Mary said, "Yes," Mary said, "Yes," Mary said, "Yes," to the angel

"Don't be afraid" (x3), "Don't be afraid," said the angel of the Lord

"Don't be afraid" (x3), "Don't be afraid," said the angel

"The Spirit will come," (x3), said the angel of the Lord

Mary said yes

"You will have a son (x3), said the angel of the Lord

"Jesus is the name" (x3), said the angel of the Lord

Mary said yes

"God can do it all" (x3), said the angel of the Lord

Mary said yes

(5,11,5:30) Christ, Circle Round Us

Schutte



1. Come, O Ra - diant Dawn, splen - dor of the morn - ing light.  
2. Come, O Flow'r of Love, ho - ly branch of Jes - se's tree.  
3. Come, O Word of Truth, font of know - ledge from on high.  
4. Come, O Gate of Hope, ho - ly door of heav - en's throne.



Come, Sun of Jus - tice, turn a - way the pow'r of night.  
Come, Bough of Bless - ing, bloom for all the world to see.  
Come, Ho - ly Wis - dom, be our faith - ful friend and guide.  
Come, Key of Da - vid, o - pen wide the path - way home.



Christ, cir - cle round us. Christ, may your light sur - round us.



Shine in our liv - ing. Fill our hearts with great thanks - giv - ing.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Maranatha Mass

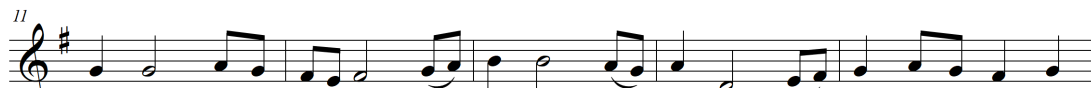
Lynch



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts.



Heav'n and Earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah, ho -



san-nah in the high-est. Ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah, ho - san-nah to God on



high, Blest is He who comes in the name, in the name of the



Lord our God. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho

Mystery of Faith




We pro - claim your death, O Lord, and pro - fess your re - sur - rec - tion.



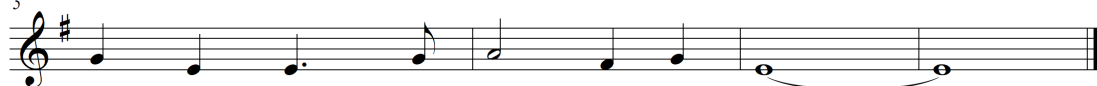
We pro - claim your death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,\_\_\_

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mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on us.\_\_\_\_\_  
mer - cy Lord, have mer - cy on us.\_\_\_\_\_  
grant us peace, O grant us your peace.\_\_\_\_\_

### ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD

During communion, we invite all to come forward. If you do not ordinarily receive Eucharist, or choose not to, come for a blessing, indicating your desire by putting your hand on your heart. If you have need of a gluten free host, please come to the presider and make that known.

## Communion Song

### *My Soul in Stillness Waits*

*Haugen*



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits, tru-ly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you;  
Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow. *Ref.*

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits; our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word;  
Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts. *Ref.*

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you,  
our hope reborn in dying and in rising. *Ref.*

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage; we ever seek,  
yet unfulfilled remain; open to us the pathway of your peace. *Ref.*

Come, let us bow before the God who made us; let every heart be opened to the Lord,  
for we are all the people of his hand. *Ref.*

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens, Creator of the mountains and the seas,  
Lord of the stars, and present to us now. *Ref.*



## Recessional

## *O Come, O Come Emmanuel/VENI EMMANUEL/Helmore*

1. O come, O come Em - man - u - el,  
2. O come, O Day - spring from on high,  
3. O come, De - sire of na - tions bind

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
and cheer us by your draw - ing  
in one the hearts of hu - man - kind

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
Dis - perse in the gloo - my clouds of night.  
O bid our sad di - vi - sions cease

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And death's dark sha - dow put to flight  
And be for us our King of Peace.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el  
Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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## Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long - December 21st

Come friends and family and join in the cherished tradition of gathering together to enjoy singing traditional Christmas carols and holiday favorites - around the piano - in a warm, informal setting.

Join us on **Thursday, December 21 at 7pm in the St Joseph Parish Center** for an evening of seasonal music and merriment. The Christmas Carol Sing-Along will be hosted by St. Therese Music Director/Pianist Kent Stevenson with music presentations from Fr Chris Cartwright, Pastor of St. Joseph Church, and St. Joseph Music Director, Laura Ash.

Special Guests will be violinist BJ Montoya, and Fred West, Musical Director of both the City Cantabile Choir and the Seattle Peace Chorus, who will bring an exquisite collection of German handbells. So, come as you are, drop a donation in the basket, and after singing, Meet & Greet with a hosted fellowship featuring warm beverages and holiday sweets and treats.

For more information contact: Kent Stevenson (206 519 4575)



# Advent 2023

Advent is here, and we are so grateful that we are able to spend this holy season with the wonderful community at St. Joe's. The theme for Advent at St. Joe's this year is "A Weary World Rejoices" as we acknowledge the pain and suffering our world is experiencing today, and look forward to the healing power of the birth of our Lord.

Advent Racial Justice Vigil: December 10th, 3pm

Advent Reconciliation Service: December 11th, 7pm

Women's Ministry Evening of Reflection, December 14th, 6pm

Las Posadas for Holy Families: December 17th, 6:45pm

And more!

Please take a look at this bulletin, as well as our Advent webpage - [www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2023](http://www.stjosephparish.org/christmas2023) - for a full listing of Advent events and series, as well as Christmas service times.



## Save the Date - Student Presentation on Ignatian Family Teach-In - January 10th at St. Joe's

Join us for an evening with students from Seattle Prep who are excited about justice! They'll be presenting on their visit to the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice in Washington, DC, in October.

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024,  
7:00 PM - Parish Center**



ST Joseph Young Adult Community

## Ugly Sweater & White Elephant Party

Join us for the annual Young Adult Ugly Christmas Sweater Party on December 10, at 6:30, following the 5:30 Mass, in the parish center! There will be food, beverages, and a white elephant gift exchange (bring a gift to exchange, suggested budget of no more than \$25). All young adults (ages 21-35) are welcome!

PLEASE CONTACT [ANELSON61990@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ANELSON61990@GMAIL.COM) TO RSVP OR WITH ANY QUESTIONS!



THE SOUTH SEATTLE DEANERY RACIAL SOLIDARITY  
COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO

## Lamentations & Hope

A VIGIL FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

**Sunday, Dec 10th, 3pm**

**St. Joseph Church  
732 18th Ave E**

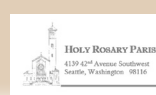
The South Seattle Deanery Racial Solidarity Committee invites you to an Advent gathering of Lamentations & Hope. This service will include songs, readings, and time to reflect as we resist the sin of racism and its effects on our world.

All are welcome to join!

For more information or accommodations, contact Mark Petterson - [markp@stjosephparish.org](mailto:markp@stjosephparish.org)



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# *St. Joseph Women's Ministry Advent Reflection Evening*



Andria Previtali ca 1520-1525 collection of Memphis Brooks Museum of Art

## *THE ANNUNCIATION*

*December 14, 2023  
6pm-8pm in the church*

A special evening of reflection and fellowship: Gathering and snacks at 6 PM, program at 6:30 PM, followed by cheer in the vestibule.

Optional: bring a dozen of your favorite holiday cookies for a cookie exchange.

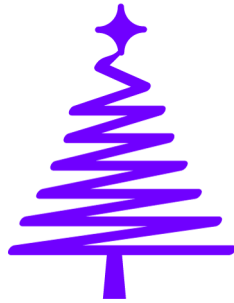
Suggested donation \$10. Scholarships available.



*RSVP: by December 11*

[women@stjosephparish.org](mailto:women@stjosephparish.org)

# VIRTUAL GIVING TREE



Half of the tags are hanging on the tree -  
the other half are online! Scan the QR code  
to see how you can help support our  
Outreach Partners this year.



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## The Giving Tree is Back!

**UPDATE: Tags from the tree in the church are almost gone. We need more signups for the virtual giving tree!**

Our annual Christmas Giving Tree is back once again, and you are invited to take a tag or two for our community partners as we share in the joy of giving back this holiday season.

Scan the QR code to see virtual tags that you can easily sign up for on Signup.com. (All instructions are on the website, as well.) Remember to turn in your gifts by December 11th!

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## THIS WEEKEND:

**“For Heaven Sake” Cookie Bake - LGBTQ Ministry - December 10th  
12:15pm - Parish Center, Arrupe Room**





# A Posada for Holy Families

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**Join the St. Joe's Asylum Accompaniment Team and our friends from Central America who are seeking asylum for a Posada – an evening of traditional songs and rituals – as we stand in solidarity with migrants and raise funds for asylum defense.**

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**December 17  
6:45pm  
St. Joseph Parish**

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**RSVP: [asylumteam@stjosephparish.org](mailto:asylumteam@stjosephparish.org)**

*Las Posadas* is the name of a religious festivity that takes place every December and forms part of the Hispanic Christmas tradition. The word *posada* translates to “dwelling” or “lodging”. Celebrated in Mexico and in Spanish speaking segments of the United States, *Las Posadas* celebrate Joseph and Mary's journey from Bethlehem to Nazareth in search of a place for Baby Jesus to be born.

A main component of this celebration is asking for a *posada*, a place to rest, which is done via singing. To remember the journey of Mary and Joseph, a group of people gather and break off into two groups: the travelers seeking *posada* and the “host family” inside the house. In a back and forth, the outside group asks to be let in, while the “host family” refuses entry at first. Both sides exchange songs, until the “travelers” convince the “host family” to let them inside. After this, the “host” offers a traditional dinner.

We will walk around the neighborhood, stopping at (pre-determined) houses, looking for *posada*, then end at the parish Social Hall where we will finish with singing and ritual (and food!).





# **"I WILL LIVE UNTIL I DIE"**

## **A MUSICAL OF THE LIFE OF SR. THEA BOWMAN**

### **STARRING VALLIMAR JANSEN**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**MARCH 1 & MARCH 2**  
**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**  
**815 E EDGAR ST, SEATTLE, WA**

Save the Date for a this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Experience an original musical with 14 beloved Spirituals, four classic Gregorian chants, and a talented cast bringing to life the story of the dynamic Black Catholic Sister, Thea Bowman.

Follow her journey from Canton, Mississippi, to the all-white community of Lacrosse, Wisconsin, where she became a Sister and eventually a world-renowned social activist and pioneer of intercultural awareness, unity and acceptance.

Acclaimed playwright Vallimar Jansen plays Sr. Thea, along with local actors in supporting roles. You won't want to miss it! More information about the play at [www.vallimar.com](http://www.vallimar.com). Tickets available in 2024!



# EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Joyful Voices Children's Choir

**Joyful Voices-- the St. Joe's Children's Choir -- will return for the Christmas Eve 4pm mass again this year!**

Would your child/children will be interested in joining the choir for Christmas Eve? (We welcome especially 4th-8th graders!) Scan the QR code to sign up!

**Rehearsals will be: Sunday, December 17 at 12 pm / Wednesday, December 20, 5-6 pm** in the church / One more rehearsal TBA

**The Christmas Eve Mass is: December 24, at 4:00** / The children will need to arrive at 3 pm to warm up and sing carols.

Feel free to invite others! In gratitude,

Jen and Matt Tilghman-Havens (and St. Joe's Music Director, Laura Ash)



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## Simbang Gabi - December 16th at St. Therese Parish

The Filipino Tradition of SIMBANG GABI (Midnight Mass) will be co-celebrated this year with St. Therese Parish. Now on its fourth year of celebration here at St. Joseph Parish, St. Therese will be hosting the evening Mass on **December 16, Saturday at 4:00 in the afternoon.**

The traditional parol (lantern) that adorns the church during the Advent Season will be processed and displayed this year at St. Therese.

The usual after-Mass *salo-salo* (gathering) will follow the Mass featuring favorite Filipino dishes like lumpia, pancit, adobo and pastries.

**Finally, there will be a *parol*-making event at the social hall of St. Therese on December 10, Sunday starting at 9:30am to 11:30am.** The lanterns made from this event will complement the processing of the lantern at the *Simbang Gabi* Mass.

*Simbang Gabi*

A Christmastime Filipino Night Mass



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## Food Donations Needed!

### 1st Saturday Meal for St. Martin de Porres Shelter

Continuing our longstanding partnership with the St. Martin de Porres shelter downtown, we serve 100+ unhoused men dinner once a month on the first Saturday. To keep this important project going, we need your help! Can you donate a few items once a month to help our friends in need?

We need: hard-boiled eggs, milk, fresh fruit, hot dogs/buns, and cooked Costco lasagna.

For more details and to sign up, contact Deacon Steve at 206-965-1646 or [steve@stjosephparish.org](mailto:steve@stjosephparish.org)

# PRAYING IN SOLIDARITY

As we mourn the deaths of thousands in the midst of this terrible war in Israel/Palestine, we pray in solidarity with all those affected, especially Palestinian Christians, who are mourning and refraining from public celebration during this year's Advent and Christmas season.

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CHRIST, PRINCE OF PEACE,  
HEAR OUR PRAYER AND LAMENT,  
FOR OUR SUFFERING SISTERS AND BROTHERS.  
OUR HEARTS ARE HEAVY AS WE WITNESS LIVES TORN APART,  
AS WE SEE THE FACES OF FRIGHTENED CHILDREN  
AND HEAR THE PLEAS OF THOSE WITHOUT WATER OR FOOD.  
WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD AND THE GRIEVING,  
FOR THE INJURED AND THE AFRAID.  
WE PRAY FOR COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE,  
FOR THOSE WORKING FOR HEALING AND TO BRING AID.  
WE PRAY FOR WORLD LEADERS,  
THAT THEY MAY STRIVE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE.  
GOD OF NEW BEGINNINGS,  
IN YOUR WAYS ARE COMPASSION AND HOPE.  
OPEN OUR HEARTS TO DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING.  
LEAD US ALL TO ANSWER YOUR CALL  
TO BECOME PEACEMAKERS  
TODAY, AND ALL THE DAYS OF OUR LIFE.  
AMEN.

~PRAYER BY CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

