

SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER NETWORK
Prayers for the Period beginning December 1, 2009

...God's grace has been revealed to save the whole human race...

[we are] waiting in hope...

Christ Jesus...offered himself...to purify a people to be his very own and eager to do good.

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined...*

For a child has been born for us...Prince of Peace...there shall be endless peace...

*He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel [who has] shown the mercy promised to our ancestors...

that we...might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness...

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Once again it is Advent. We light candles, light up the tree, sing "Joy to the World." Yet we are all too aware of the misery and crises surrounding us. But God promises us a light in the darkness, a way into peace, the grace of a Savior. And Christ calls us to be his very own to do good, to work for justice and peace.

Let us walk out of the darkness into the dawning light and present our prayers:

for all who suffer with HIV/AIDS and its effects

for immigrant families, refugees,

for those who are poor, homeless, hungry, lost and alone

for peace and justice in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Israel, Palestine

for those living with the consequences of war, violence, torture, or tyranny

for transformative health care

for solutions to climate change at Copenhagen

for compassionate immigration policies

for support for the Global Fund for Education

for the strength and determination to walk into the way of peace.

Let us might serve God without fear.

Scripture references in order:

TITUS 2:11-12, 14 (SELECTIONS), THE NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE, LECTIONARY CHRISTMAS EVE

ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7 NRSV, LECTIONARY CHRISTMAS EVE

LUKE 1:68, 72, 74, 75, 78, 79 ADAPTED SELECTIONS NRSV, LECTIONARY DECEMBER 6