



do justice • love tenderly • walk humbly with God Micah 6:8

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We begin all of our prayer in the presence of our loving Creator; because we are all created in the very image and likeness of God!

As a Christian community, we know this:

God is with us!

Daily reflection:

(Pope Francis)

“The whole of salvation history is the story of God looking for us: he offers us love and welcomes us with tenderness.” – *Pope Francis*

What an extraordinary thing to consider: When we think about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses and the prophets, the poetry of Isaiah; the stories of King David, of Solomon; all of the Old Testament – Pope Francis says that all of this tells of “God looking for us”. So much so that God finally came to a stable, to enter our world as one of us!

Daily decision for action...

If God has been trying to find us, why do we make it so difficult sometimes? Why do we make God play hide-and-seek?

As we continue to celebrate this Christmas season, let’s go out of our way to seek God, to find Christ in the people and in the world around us.

Intercessions/ our prayer for our world:

For the Church as we celebrate Christmas, that our own joy will show God’s love to the world.

For all nations in the world, for peace and respect among all people.

For expectant mothers, that they will safely deliver their child and be filled with the joy of motherhood.

For all of us, that we will spread the joy of the Incarnation to everyone we meet.

Blessing: *(the prayer of Aaron upon the people: Num. 6:23b–26)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

May the Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

And we say together with all of the people of God:

Amen!