

2015
YEAR OF THE HOSPITALER VOCATION

“THE CALL TO
HOPE”

Prayer of the month
December 2015

1.- Introduction

Advent is a time of answering the “Call to Hope” the hope that we have is the hope we have in the birth of Christ as well as the hope that will lead to the resurrection. Advent is also a time of waiting, today in our instant gratification society, we are not good at waiting., we are not used to it, we are used to having everything on an instant basis, all achieved at either the press of a button or the click of computer mouse.

However waiting is part of our daily lives, Children wait in expectation for Christmas. The older generation has practiced the ability to wait for the changing seasons and eventually for death with the hope of the resurrection.

2.- Hymn:

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of Hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3.- Salmo:

R . Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- Shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power and come to save us. **R**
- Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven and see; Take care of this vine, And protect what your right hand has planted. **R**

- May Your help be with the man of Your right hand, With the Son of man whom You yourself made strong; Give us new life, and we will call upon your name. **R**

4.- Bible Reading: Is 11: 1-9

The Branch From Jesse

***A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—
and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.
He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;***

***with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.
Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.
The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling^[a] together;
and a little child will lead them.
The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.
The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.
They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.***

Is 11: 1-9

5.- Reflection

Isaiah announced the work of the Spirit and Jesus. The Spirit leads to a scene of paradise where “the calf and the young lion browse together, with a little child to lead them” this seems like a fairy tale. The passage from Isaiah may seem like an innocent fairy tale, in which its simple images hide a truth. Perhaps the calf and the young lion will never browse together, but the dream itself holds a message of universal peace and the dream of peace and gentle trust is so wonderful, and is the theme that runs like a thread through all of the readings and prayers leading up to the celebration of the birth of the prince of peace at Christmas. The mystery of Jesus himself, a child stripped of divinity to communicate God to us, a human being destined to be stripped of humanity on the cross of death to reveal how we ought to live

Isaiah declared, “the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord as the water covers the sea” The mystery of who we are teems all around us. Like a child- like Jesus- we must rejoice in the Holy Spirit.

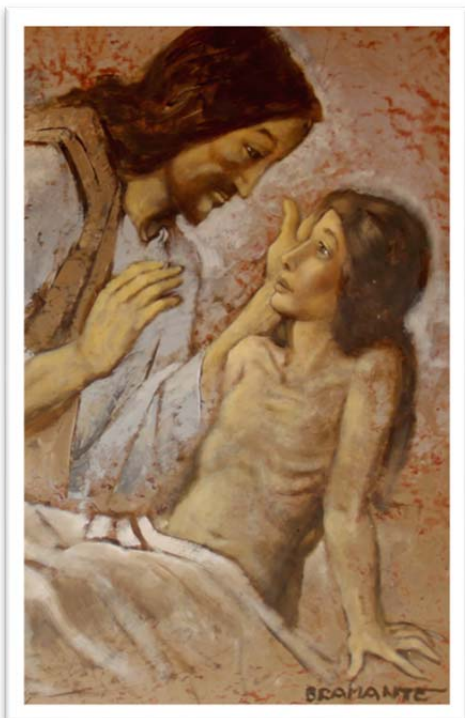
6.- Prayer of the faithful:

Let our response be: **God of Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

- That those who minister in the church in the church may bring the light of the Gospel to all mankind. Let us pray...
- That in our lives, we may show the same love and compassion to those who need our help. Let us pray...
- That we may understand and accept those people who differ from us in race and religion. Let us pray...
- That the elderly, the lonely, and the sick may receive the comfort of God's love in their distress. Let us pray...
- That the faithful departed may meet the Lord whom they eagerly awaited. Let us pray...
- Let us pray for our own personal intentions. Let us pray....

7.- Pater noster.

8.- Final prayer



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Lord Jesus, you who passed through the world doing good and healing,
And sent your disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God,
With words of peace on your lips,
Offering healing and life:
We ask that your call to Hospitality
Continue to meet with acceptance in our world
So that the sick may be healed in your name
And the Good News announced to the poor,
And all those who suffer
May experience your tenderness
And the mercy of God our Father.
Amen