Devotions



First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 9:6

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to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Wonderful Counselor

Today's candle is WONDERFUL COUNSELOR. Have you ever felt unheard? Have you ever been confused and not known what to do or where to start? Have you ever needed someone to talk to that you knew would really understand you and help you? There is someone. His name is Jesus, The Wonderful Counselor. His is always there, always understands, and always knows what you should do. Nothing you do or say can make Him love you less. He will always love you with all His heart. You are safe with Him.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift God gave us of the birth of His Son Jesus. Today we light the first candle of advent reminding us that Jesus is our WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

Monday - Jesus us always with you

Matthew 14:25-33

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Thought - As long as Peter had his eyes on Jesus, he was able to walk on the water. But as soon as he looked at the stormy seas instead he started to sink. But again, as soon as Peter called out to Jesus and put his eyes back on Him, Jesus reached out and rescued him. Jesus is never more than an arms length away. He will be there to get you through any problem if you look to Him and reach out for His hand

Tuesday - Jesus feels our pain

John 11:1-44

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light. It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you." When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked.

"Come and see, Lord," they replied.

Jesus wept.

Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Thought: Do you ever feel like know one cares how you feel? Jesus was talking to Mary and He started to weep. He was not crying over Lazarus's death because Jesus knew he would live again. Jesus wept because Mary, Martha and their friends and neighbours were hurting. Even though He knew He was going to fix things, it hurt Jesus to see them in pain. Did you know that Jesus cries with you when you hurt? He does.

Wednesday - He Will Listen to you

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Thought: You don't have to worry about whether or not God hears you. He is always listening to you

Thursday - He will comfort you

Isaiah 66:13a

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

Jeremiah 31:13

Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow

Thought: When you are hurting, if you ask Him to, Jesus will wrap his arms around you and hold you up. He will dry the tears from your eyes and even though it sounds impossible He will teach you to sing and dance again. Just hold on to Him and soon things will look brighter.

Friday- He will Guide us

Isaiah 42:16

I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them;
I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.
These are the things I will do;
I will not forsake them.

Psalm 25:9

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Psalm 73:24

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory.

Thought: Are you confused about what you should do next? Well take some time and pray - making sure you listen to what God says - and He will show you the way. He may not show you everything, but He will give you the next step, which is all you need for now.

Saturday - He Intercedes for Us

Hebrews 7:24-28

But because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.

Hebrews 4:13-15

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.

Isaiah 57:18

I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will guide him and restore comfort to him,

1 John 2:1

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defence—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Thought: We have a Counsellor who understands us because He has gone through a lot of the things we go through. He will comfort us when we hurt. He will also intercede with God for our forgiveness when we need it because Jesus has already paid the price for us. We do not have to go through anything alone because Jesus is our Wonderful Counsellor.

The Second Sunday of Advent

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MIGHTY GOD

Today's candle is MIGHTY GOD, and what a mighty God He is. There is nothing He can't do. He controls the elements as He turns water to wine. He controls life as he defeats death with Jairus' daughter and Lazarus. He controls diseases with the healing of the lepers. He controls nature as he calms the sea, and He controls demons with just a word or a touch - and these are just a few of the things he did.

Our God is a mighty God. This season let us not forget that God is in control. No matter how overwhelming things get we know that if we stop and refocus on God, asking him to take control, He will. Even if things don't turnout the way we planned, it will be for the best.

Let us light the Second candle remembering our MIGHTY GOD

Monday - He Provides

Matthew 14:15-21

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

"Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave

thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Thought:

Have you ever found yourself a little or a lot short? "More month than money"? If you trust in the Lord and listen to what he says and obey Him, what you need will be there. It won't necessarily be what you want but what you need.

As in this story God often provides more than we need. If you do not put God first, listening to what He wants you to do with your money, He will let you deal with it alone until you do put Him first. Are you spending too much this season to make what you think is a perfect Christmas or to impress people? Stop and listen to God he will help you spend the right amount. After all this is His birthday you only need to impress Him.

Tuesday- He Heals the Sick

Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

Thought: Are you or a loved one sick? God can heal you. Whether it is physical or emotional healing God will heal you. Sometimes not the way we want sometime he heals our thoughts instead of our bodies helping us to accept the situation and allowing us and those around us to learn from it. Sometimes the healing comes in heaven. Sometimes that healing is miraculous. Regardless of how He heals, He will heal us if we ask and we believe.

Wednesday- He Created the World

Genesis 1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the

water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. O And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Thought: WOW He just spoke it into existence. Can you imagine having that kind of power? He speaks and it happens. There is nothing our God can not do!

Thursday- He Controls Nature

Matthew 8:23-27

Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

Thought: Even the wind and the waves obey Him. Nothing is out of His control. There is nothing He can't do. He is a Mighty God.

Friday- He Controls the Elements

John 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied, "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.¹

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside 10and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Thought: This was Jesus first recorded miracle. Notice that His mother had complete faith in Him and just assumed that He would do it. How strong is our faith? Do we have enough to believe our needs will be met?

Saturday- Controls Life and Death

Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26

While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him.

After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

Thought: Of all Jesus' miracles, one of the ones that he does the least is to bring people back from the dead. Yes, he can do it, but it is not something that he does often. Dying is a part of life. We all have to die some day. We all live a different length of time. But our lives are important. No mater how short or long we live; we all leave an impact on the world around us. This should be what we focus on: what will we leave behind when we do go? You may not know but Terry Fox was a strong Christian and was committed to serving God. God could have healed him instead of letting him get cancer again. Terry could have lived a long healthy life but would he have had the same impact if he had?

The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 9:6
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Everlasting Father

Today's candle is EVERLASTING FATHER. A Father is something all of us have had. Some of us have been lucky enough to have a great one, others have not been so lucky. But no earthly father is perfect, and they all will leave us at some time.

We all do have a perfect father in our Heavenly father. He has never missed one important event in our lives. He has always had time to listen and comfort us when we hurt, and advise us when we don't know what to do. He will never leave us because He is eternal. He will never die and never change.

Today we light the third candle to remind us of our EVERLASTING FATHER

Monday - He Will Always Be There

Revelation 1:8

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Thought: God has always been and always will be. He will never die or be to busy

Tuesday - He is Everywhere-ONNIPRESENT

Psalm 139:7-10

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast

Thought: You never have to worry about having to go through things alone No mater where you go, what you do, or what you go through, God will be there lovingly guiding you through it all. Rejoicing when things are good and crying with you when they are hard.

Wednesday - He is Never Changing

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Thought: Sometimes events change, our earthly fathers, such as age, diseases or circumstances, because of this our fathers are not always able to be the person we remember or we need them to be. You can count on God to always be the same. He will always love you, always guide you, always be there for you, because He is God, and God never changes

Thursday - All Seeing All Knowing, - Omniscient

Psalm 139

For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue

you know it completely, O LORD.

You hem me in—behind and before;

you have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,

too lofty for me to attain.

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea.

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful,

I know that full well.

My frame was not hidden from you

when I was made in the secret place.

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

your eyes saw my unformed body.

All the days ordained for me

were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them,

they would outnumber the grains of sand.

When I awake,

I am still with you.

If only you would slay the wicked, O God!

Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.

Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?

I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

Thought: Remember how you were often surprised that your parents knew you had done something wrong without you telling them? Well God always knows. He is with you when you do it and He sees everything you do.

Knowing that, would He approve of the choices you make? The places you go? The shows you watch? What you do on your computer? The games you play? He is always right be side you Will He be proud of you or disappointed?

Friday - He Takes Care of Me

Psalm 23:1-3

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Thought: Your Father in Heaven will take care of you. Just like a Shepherd takes care of his sheep. He will provide for you. He finds you a safe place to sleep, quite waters to drink. He dries your tears and He shows you the way. What a GREAT FATHER!!!!

Saturday - He Protects Me

Psalm 23: 4-6

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever

Thought: What is there to fear? God is here. No matter how difficult the situation God will get you through. He protects us as a Shepherd with His shepherd's rod, and lift us up when we are in trouble - as a shepherd does, from crevices in the rocks - with the crook of His staff. He makes us safe even in the presence of our enemies. There is even no fear of death because we will be going to live with Him. What an Awesome Father.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 9:6

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Prince of Peace

Today's candle is PRINCE OF PEACE. So if Jesus is the Prince of Peace then He rules over it. Is there Peace in your life even if your life feels crazy or out of control, as a lot of people are feeling during this season? If so you can still be filled with peace on the inside. With bedlam all around you, you can be the calming influence if you turn to the Prince of Peace. He will fill you with His peace and calm.

Peace is not the absence of trouble. Peace is the presence of God in the midst of trouble.

Let us light the fourth candle of Advent reminding us that Jesus is the PRINCE OF PEACE_

Monday - Peace Comes With Obedience

Psalm 119:165

Great peace have they who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble

Isaiah 32:17

The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever

Thought: Is your life in turmoil? Are you obeying God? Has God told you to do something that you have refused or forgotten to do? Ask God to show you what it is and obey Him. You will be surprised how fast His peace returns to you.

Tuesday-Peace From Enemies

Proverbs 16:7

When a man's ways are pleasing to the LORD, he makes even his enemies live at peace with him.

Thought: Are there people you are having difficulty getting along with? Are you treating them the way God asks you to: loving your enemies (<u>Luke 6:27</u>), turning the other cheek (<u>Luke 6:29</u>), doing unto others as you would have them do to you (Luke 6:31)?

You maybe able to turn an enemy into a friend just by treating them the way God asks you to. If it doesn't work at least you know you are not responsible for the breach.

Wednesday-Peace Comes With Trust

Isaiah 26:3

You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.

Thought: When we put our trust in God the problems of this world seem to fade in importance. They don't worry us any more because we know that God is in control and there is nothing He can't handle. So our worry turns to Peace.

Thursday-Peace in the Midst of Disaster

Isaiah 54:10

Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Thought: No matter what happens, or what you loose, God is still in control. His love for you has not changed. Material things, if you really need them, can be replaced. He will always have compassion on you, and will continue to give you His peace when you ask for it.

Friday - Peace Through Salvation

Romans 5:1

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Thought: We can live in Peace because we have faith that we have been saved by Jesus dying in our place. We do not have to worry about what will happen after we die; we know that we will go to heaven to live with Him for ever.

Saturday - Peace is a Gift

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Thought: This season we thank God for sending Jesus to us as the GREATEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER. So we can live in peace throughout our lives. Not the peace of the world, but the greater Peace of God.

MAY GOD BLESS AND FILL YOU WITH HIS PEACE THROUGHOUT THE NEW YEAR!