



***"For unto us a child is born." Isaiah 9:6***

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given," Isaiah declares. As we prepare to receive this Christ child anew on Christmas Day, our faith compels us to hear the cry of all children born to us, especially the poor. We must remember that every day millions of children are born who suffer from hunger and poverty and who will die of preventable disease.

If we are to receive the Christ child fully into our hearts, we must allow the Holy Spirit to work within us and shape our lives. In particular, we are called to take on God's passionate concern for the world's poor and oppressed. This Christmas, let us remember with Isaiah that the Child who brings light to those "who walk in darkness" tells us that if we "offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted," our own "light shall rise in the darkness" and our "gloom shall be like the noonday." (Isaiah 58)

***Merry Christmas!***

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