



கிறிஸ்துமஸ் &
புத்தாண்டு
நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

மார்கழி குளிரில்
மன்னவன் பிறந்தார்

மனிதரை காக்க
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இல்லத்தில்
குடில் அமைத்தோம்...

நம் இதயத்திலும்
குடி வைப்போம்...
இறுதிவரை அவர்
வழி நடப்போம்!

நம்பிக்கையோடு வாழவைத்தாய்
நன்றி ஒன்று கூறுகிறேன்...

நன்மையோடு வாழ வைப்பாய்
நாளை வரும் புத்தாண்டில்...

நலம் தரும்
புத்தாண்டே வருக...

வளம் தரும் புது வருடமே
வருக வருக...

இறை அன்பும் ஆசீரும்
எம்மில் பெருக...

அனைவருக்கும் இனிய
புத்தாண்டு வாழ்த்துக்கள்!

~ Agnes James

Preparing our Hearts

1Peter 4:7-11

Advent is a gift. The season turns us from the busyness of holiday shopping and parties to focus on the scriptural teachings of the Messiah's coming. Advent season focuses on Christ's threefold coming -- past, present, and future. First, we remember the Lord's humble first coming in Bethlehem two thousand years ago. Second, we give thanks for His present and continual coming to us through Word and Sacrament. Finally, we look forward with hope and longing to His second coming in glory to judge the living and the dead on the Last Day. Advent is not only about preparing for the celebration of Jesus' birth at Christmas, it is also a time for us to prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus. How do we prepare for it? Peter gives some advice on how to be ready (1Pt 4:7-11).

1. Be serious and sober for prayers:
Be sober; in other words don't get carried away with the tension of this holiday season. Peter

calls us to be vigilant and clear-minded in preparation for the coming of Jesus. He wants us to pray wholeheartedly.

2. Love for one another :
Here Peter refers to the God's unconditional love for us. This same love that we received

from God is the one we need to share with others. We can place God first in our lives and love our neighbor as ourselves. When we accept the unconditional love of God, there will be no more hurt, pride or jealousy in our heart. We can also examine our consciences to cleanse our hearts from sin to forgive one another and love one another.

3. Hospitable to one another without complaining:
Hospitality doesn't mean only receiving

and treating the guests in a warm friendly, generous

way, but also to welcome a stranger. But in today's world it is difficult and also dangerous sometime to open the door for someone who show up at our door steps. Moreover it is also considered rude to knock on the door without previous permission. So how can we show the hospitality that Peter talks. It is by sacrificing our personal agenda to help others in need without complaining. It is by sharing our gifts that include the skills, talents, and interests we received from God to glorify Him and not to use for own personal gain -- say your child's classmate struggles with math, you can spend a hour or so teaching him/her. It is by seeing others through God's eyes without being judgmental.

Advent is a perfect time to review our own spiritual life and to see how we might strengthen our faith. Every time we celebrate Mass, we listen to his words again and again. Jesus is just as present now in the Eucharist as He was long ago. The same Jesus, body, blood, soul and divinity, is here with us. Advent is a very good time to meditate on Jesus' presence with us now in many ways. It is also the time to give thanks and pray unceasingly as Paul writes in his letter to Thessalonians (1Thes 5:16-24). We should also remember to pray for the needs of others in this holiday time.

Advent is not only a time of consumerism and buying gifts for people that they don't really want or need, it is all about Jesus. There is only one gift at Christmas, that gift is Jesus. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem for the last time, He cried because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize the time of their visitation (Luke 19:41-42). Let us not miss out the chance God is offering us this Advent. Advent is a time to come out of the darkness and walk in the light of Jesus.

- Agnes P. Raj

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The book suggests the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, it is the fullness of wisdom, it is the crown of wisdom and it is the root of wisdom.

To fear the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; she is created with the faithful in the womb (Sirach 1:12). To fear the Lord is wisdom's full measure; she satisfies men with her fruits (Sirach 1:14). The fear of the Lord is the crown of wisdom, making peace and perfect health

to flourish (Sirach 1:16). To fear the Lord is the root of wisdom, and her branches are long life (Sirach 1:18).

Finally author says if we need wisdom from God keep His commandments. "If you desire wisdom, keep the commandments and the Lord will supply it for you" (Sirach 1:26). Let us keep the commandments of the Lord in our daily life and the Lord will bless us with Godly wisdom.

- Leenus Rich



Christmas Comes

Christmas comes with children singing,
 Christmas comes with sleigh bells ringing,
 Christmas comes with frosty nights,
 Christmas comes with snowball fights.

Christmas comes with Santa Claus,
 Christmas comes with snowy floors,
 Christmas comes with robins and reindeer,
 Christmas comes with a hearty cheer.

Christmas comes with gold, frankincense and myrrh
 Christmas comes with Jesus' birth,
 Christmas comes with angels from afar,
 Christmas comes with a wondrous star.

Christmas comes now, at last,
 Christmas comes, like in the past,
 Christmas comes after such a long wait,
 Christmas comes and it will be great.

- Amy Darnbrook

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC 21, 22, 23
CAROLING
 sign up [here](#)

DEC 24, 6:30 PM TO 9:30 PM
CHRISTMAS MASS
 sign up [here](#)

DEC 31, 11:45 PM
NEW YEAR MASS

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