

Prayer Letter February 2017

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On February 2nd, we sing this acclamation to celebrate the feast of Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple. Coming to the Temple, as required in the Law, the holy family meet two elderly people Simeon and Anna who greet Jesus with praise and joy. (Lk.2: 22-38)

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In the child, Jesus, they see the fulfilment of their own service and worship of God. “My eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all people”

In the child, Jesus, they look to the future and foresee a life of service, sacrifice and pain bringing God’s salvation to all people and all nations.

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Let us thank God for the faithfulness and example of all those of old age whom we have known and for their encouragement and constant prayer supporting our own ministries today. Let us thank God for the wisdom and insight of the elderly and pray for courage and faith to live out their vision in the future.



Jesus leaves the Temple with his parents to be nurtured and grow strong in body and spirit. It is a time when the “Light of the World” is hidden in the ordinariness of daily living and family life.

Let us thank God for the families who have nurtured our own faith and growth in the past and the communities today who support our ministries and baptismal calling of carrying Christ’s light into the world.

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Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ’s body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit light, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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