

DIAKONIA Prayer letter December

„But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son“ (Galatians 4:4)

In the picture we see an angel landing on the earth. It does not appear perfect and brilliant, its wings are dishevelled, its shape somewhat misshapen. But something is shining inside the angel - a warm, reddish-yellow light. With this power, it breaks through the dark colours around it and dispels the deep blue. The angels fire, full of warmth and energy, changes everything around him.

Like this angel, God also comes to us on earth through Jesus. Not as a distant authority, but as a loving human being - as a small, vulnerable child in a crib. The great King becomes one of us, meets us at eye level. He brings light into our lives and suddenly new colours appear.



Paul the Apostle writes:

'And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts' (Galatians 4:6). Through God's Spirit, we become part of his family through faith and his love alone. And this family knows no borders - it reaches around the whole world and connects us across all differences.

The message of Christmas reminds us that the love and strength of God have the power to change everything. It connects, heals and gives hope. And that is precisely our mission: to pass on this light and love. Not perfectly, but courageously, honestly and full of heart - just like the angel in our picture.

Prayer:

Good God,
you come to us, right into the centre of our lives,
not as a powerful ruler, but full of love and closeness.
Your light breaks through our darkness,
your warmth gives us hope.
Help us to pass on this love -
courageously, honestly and with an open heart.
Let us be part of your global family
and carry your light into the world.
Amen.

May God bless us and let us arrive with him, just as he arrives with us.

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