

# Truly Present

**“...Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. Isaiah 60:1**

*“Peace on earth, good will to all men.”* Well Christmas has come and gone, the decorations are coming down, the stores are rid of their stock, the gifts have been returned and exchanged, and the lights are put away for another year. How sad it is this time of year when peace on earth and good will toward men can be shelved as well for another 10-11 months.

There are many evils in this world, many injustices and much hatred. These all stem from the greatest evil, a root evil to all other evils; indifference to our fellow man.

**“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.” Isaiah 60:2**

Though the decorations have come and gone, the hustle and bustle is through once more. The light of Christ is a star that still longs to shine, from within the beauty of your soul; Light that dispels all darkness and thaws the coldest of hearts.

**“Only an act of true love can thaw a frozen heart.” *Frozen* 2013**

Three “wise” men, traveled from afar to be present to the promised Savior. Jesus seeks to be present with us every moment of every day, in all places, situations and with all people. How often are we truly present to Him?

**“And this love seeks you and waits for you...And this is the love God.” Pope Francis**

If just one person could strive to be present to his fellow man, the world would change, for the world would know the power of God’s love: In the listening to others, without question or distraction; To take to heart the pain and suffering of all peoples; To bring love, kindness and hope to the lives of those who have no reason to hope. This is what it means to practice “Peace on Earth and Good Will To All Men,” not just in December but each moment of our lives.

**“My hope is that everyone will feel God’s closeness, live in his presence, love him and adore him. May each of us give glory to God above all by our lives, by lives spent for love of him and of all our brothers and sisters. Pope Francis**

*Jesus,  
bring to my attention each day the presence of You.  
Help me to see that I am called to bring Your presence into a  
world yearning for the Love of God’  
Love that seeks to be born from within my heart.  
Grant, O Lord,  
that I may live each day with the spirit of Christmas,  
ever being an agent of Peace on Earth, Good Will To All Men.  
Grant this my plea to be the servant of my fellow man  
and may I always serve them with love.*

**Amen**

