

PRAYER FOR DECEMBER 2012

Life Is an Advent Season . . .

"Life is a constant Advent season: we are continually waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfill.

Hope, struggle, fear, expectation and fulfillment are all part of our Advent experience.

"The world is not as just, not as loving, not as whole as we know it can and should be. But the coming of Christ and his presence among us—as one of us—give us reason to live in hope: that light will shatter the darkness, that we can be liberated from our fears and prejudices, that we are never alone or abandoned.

"May this Advent season be a time for bringing hope, transformation and fulfillment into the Advent of our lives."

Day of Hope . . .

Christmas is the one day of the year
that carries real hope and promise for all mankind.

It is the one day in the year when most of us
grow big of heart and broad of mind.

It is the single day when most of us
are as kind and as thoughtful of others as we know how to be;

When most of us are as gracious and generous
as we would like always to be;

When the joy of home is more important
than the profits of the office;

When peoples of all races speak cheerfully
to each other when they meet

This Advent and Christmas season may we all want the best for our world and, by our longing and action, bring it about through open, generous hearts.