

2010 Advent and Christmas Sunday Reflections



Advent is a time of expectations. Biblically we return to scriptures that tell us the story of God coming to dwell with us through the birth of a baby while politically we work and prepare for the birth of peace. How timely it is then that this year CMEP's Advent theme is "Prince of Peace."

We hope that these selections of scripture and reflections will help you be more centered on the religious reasons we celebrate and our shared work and hope for peace in the Middle East. These reflections were written by individuals from a variety of Christian traditions represented on CMEP's Board of Directors. With the connection between our faith and our call as peacemakers it is important that we acknowledge and celebrate our being and working as Christians by being vigilant in keeping our efforts rooted in faith.

We encourage you to read these reflections to deepen your spiritual life and your connection with people in the Holy Land. We also encourage you to share these reflections with others you know who are working for peace in the Middle East. You can either send this PDF document or refer them to www.CMEP.org.

Using this Resource

You can also use this resource to help raise your concerns for peace and the people of the Holy Land in your congregation in your own way or words.

- Offer a prayer for peace during the prayers of the people or ask your pastor to add this to a corporate prayer.
- Put a note in the bulletin or an article in the newsletter about peace in the Holy Land.
- Add a prayer for peace in the Holy Land to your Christmas cards.

CMEP welcomes hearing from you about these reflections and how you used them. Send any comments or feedback to Doris Warrell at Doris@CMEP.org.

