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Monday, December 8, 2008 -- (Meditation: Romans 15:13)

God, the days before Christmas are times for joy and peace, but commercialism clamors and claws to destroy joy and peace. Help us to look beyond what is cute and loud, to what is humble and quiet. Help us to see beyond the catalogs and shopping malls, to the manger of Bethlehem, on a silent night. God, sustain joy and peace in our hearts to await the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 -- (Meditation: John 1:10-14)

Almighty and ever merciful God, when I remember that the One who created the world lay helpless in a manger, my heart fills with amazement. When I realize that the world He created did not even recognize Him, my heart fills with pain. Human darkness failed to recognize the Light of the World. God, that first Christmas was much like it is today. Many do not recognize that the One who made us, is among us. Yet, to those who believe in Him, He welcomes as His children. Thank You, God, for the gift of faith that opens our eyes and our hearts to recognize Him this Christmas, and thank You that You have made us children of God! Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 -- (Meditation: Proverbs 3:5-6)

Holy God, forgive our unholy self-seeking. Forgive our narrow self-serving ways. Forgive our facile self-justification. Forgive our sinful self-indulgence. Forgive our proud self-preening. Forgive our mindless self-destruction. Forgive us, O God, through the suffering love of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Thursday, December 11, 2008 -- (Meditation: I Peter 4:10)

God, some have gotten promotions at work. Others have been passed over, even though they have worked hard. They are hurt and disappointed. Show them their capabilities and their limitations. Help them to improve those things that they can change, and to accept those things they cannot change. Help them to use the gifts that they have. Help them to retrain and to develop new skills. And help them to be content. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Friday, December 12, 2008 -- (Meditation: Matthew 2:6)

God, we are sentimental when we put up our Christmas decorations. We treasure the pictures of our children sitting on Santa's lap when THEY were children. We were reminded of how time flies when we put out the pictures of THEIR children sitting on Santa's lap. We laughed when we

pulled out the stick-figure manger scene that our daughter drew when she was five years old. We laughed again when we pulled out the yellowing Family Circus cartoon showing a little girl pointing to the baby Jesus, "Look! The Star of Bethlehem!" God, we have so many happy memories -- they make us realize how blessed we have been. We are especially grateful that "The Star of Bethlehem" still is, and shall be forever, our Lord and Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.

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