

Second Sunday in Advent Peace



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L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's peace.

P: Jesus Christ, born the Prince of Peace, calls our community to justice and leads us in the way of peace.

L: We call one another to honesty and humility and respond to each other with abundant grace and forgiveness.

P: Our community values relationships. We live in harmony with one another even when we disagree, and strive to glorify God in everything we do.

L: Our community longs for unity. We work together with other churches and organizations, and live out God's reconciling love for all the world to see.

P: Together, we are a sign of God's peace in the world.

(The candle is lit)

L: Let us pray:

P: God of all people and all nations, you break through the cynicism of our world and lead us like a gentle shepherd. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming kingdom and inspire us to participate in all you are doing in Jesus' name. Amen.



Rohingya Family Carries on Despite Challenges

Fleeing at a moment's notice wasn't an option for Nosomakatun and her two children who are dependent on wheelchairs for mobility.

But facing the increasing violence against Rohingya people in Myanmar, Nosomakatun's family were eventually forced to leave their homes. Since 2017, almost 750,000 Rohingya refugees have been forced to leave their homes in Myanmar.

The journey to safety brought about new challenges for the family, most crucially a lack of nutritious food.

Thankfully Nosomakatun and her family were able to receive food vouchers from a PWS&D-supported Canadian Foodgrains Bank project. With the vouchers, families can purchase a variety of nutritious foods to complement the rice, oil and lentils they are receiving from the World Food Programme.

These days, Nosomakatun is grateful to see her family safe, better nourished and more resilient to illness. "We are so thankful for the food," she shares.

This Advent season help those displaced by conflict find strength and nourishment for their bodies as they journey to find peace.

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