



## DECEMBER 2013 DEVOTION

*Leader: Gathered together we praise our LORD for the precious gift of salvation come to us in human form, our Savior, Jesus.*

**All: We ask that You guide us LORD in a world that does not recognize why Christmas is so momentous. Give us words and actions to show the true meaning of the gift of a tiny Son born to Mary.**

READER 1:

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
TO US A SON IS GIVEN;  
AND THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDER,  
AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,  
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.  
OF THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT AND OF PEACE  
THERE WILL BE NO END,  
ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER HIS KINGDOM,  
TO ESTABLISH IT AND TO UPHOLD IT  
WITH JUSTICE AND WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS  
FROM THIS TIME FORTH AND FOREVERMORE (ISAIAH 9:6-7).

*Leader: Keep us focused on this beautiful promise throughout this busy season and all the days of our lives.*

**All: We thank and praise You from the bottom of our hearts for the gift of Your Son. We thank and praise You for the lives You have given us and the grace and mercy to endure all things through this miraculous plan. Your gift of love is the gift we cherish the most.**

READER 2:

THE PEOPLE WHO WALKED IN DARKNESS  
HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT;  
THOSE WHO DWELT IN A LAND OF DEEP DARKNESS,  
ON THEM HAS LIGHT SHONE (ISAIAH 9:2).

**All: Let us be merry and show Your love in all our ways throughout this Christmas season and each day. In Jesus' name, Amen.**