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PROCLAIM

"I give you my peace..."



**"Do not be troubled!
Do not be afraid."**

(John 14:27)

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Help us become "Little Missionaries"

MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD DAY

Our children are
"LITTLE MISSIONARIES"

11th February
2018



**"Not all of us can do great things.
But we can do small things with great love"**

- St. Teresa of Kolkata

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Missionary Childhood Day poster (above) Contribution envelope (below)

The Society of Missionary Childhood



**This is my little
contribution
for children
who are in need
throughout
the world...**



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Through pain to gain

Glory to God in the Highest and peace on earth to people of good will



The impact of the birth of Jesus is twofold. On the one hand, it brings 'Glory' to God because the Word of God prevails and becomes fruitful. The promise of God to send the Messiah comes to fruition with the incarnation of His only Son. The Son obeys the Word of God and gives glory to the Father. On the other hand, it brings 'peace' to those who listen to the Son and become sons and daughters of God in the Son.

The birth of Jesus is an invitation to acknowledge the 'Glory of God'. The greatness of God is manifested in and through the incarnation --- *Emmanuel*: God among Us --- through which the exact revelation and manifestation of God happens. God is truly made real to humankind. Man comes in direct contact with God; Man is face-to-face with God. The transfiguration of our Lord is a foretaste of the life in the glory of God. The incarnation of Jesus convinces us that life in obedience to the Will of God is possible to human person. Jesus, taking the form of man lives and shows obedience to God by human person.

The life in obedience to the Will of God is arduous and incurs opposition by the evil forces. The evil forces make the life of the one who obeys God miserable. But that should not deter the faithful from obeying God. The end of the life that does the will of God is beautiful. It takes a lot of endurance to withstand the continuous onslaught of the opposing forces. Jesus too had to face rejection from religious and political leaders, the powerful in the society of the time. Condemning the evil and upholding the truth is a 24/7 job for the one who obeys God. Condemning evil and upholding truth creates a bad taste in the mouth of the forces of evil. They cannot tolerate this effort.

Life of love brings peace into oneself and into others. To love friends and enemies alike is demanding but satisfying. Taking pain to bring joy into the life of another person in their distress gives tremendous peace and joy. Every martyr/saint had to undergo severe pain and lose their life too, but they were ready. They knew that the result of 'Good Friday' is 'Easter Sunday'. There is no resurrection without death. 'Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it will remain the single, when it dies it produces rich harvest.'

The 'Prince of Peace', born in the manger of Bethlehem, brings this message. He committed himself knowing fully well that only by sacrificing heavenly splendor, being least and last in the world and dying a 'shameful!' death on the cross the real peace could be established. What a total self-emptying the child of Bethlehem is exhibiting.

During this Christmas we shall pray to be filled with the spirit of the Lord in order to be simple, humble, poor and obedient to the Will of God. May we put on the nature of Christ, so that the world through our lives recognizes Jesus as the Lord of the world and Saviour of all.

O come, let us adore Christ the Lord.

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