

WEEKLY E-LETTER -- Dec. 19, 2017

Grace and Peace to you all this day!

Here we are, the week leading up to December 24th. Now it is surely time to bring out all the Christmas treats and treasures! The mincemeat tarts and fruitcake, the eggnog and the shortbread, the decorations and nativity sets, the gifts and the Christmas cards!

Last Saturday, we had a very meaningful time Praying the News. There is another such group Tuesday at 2 p.m. I want to share a website with you that you might find helpful as you think about our world.

<http://worldinprayer.org/>

I do believe that prayer makes a difference, both in the prayer and the ones prayed for. Surely, that is one action we can all take.

Another is to engage with others in Christ-shaped activities. You are invited to invite others to The Longest Night service this Thursday evening at Wilmot, 7 p.m.

Speaking of engaging, I would really appreciate eight volunteers to welcome and to usher for the Christmas Eve 11 p.m. service. It is so important that everyone who comes to Wilmot on that Holy Night, feel comfortable and included and welcomed.

Derek, as you may have heard is busy with his wife Jordan welcoming their new infant son, Liam. I assured him the rest of us could manage this ushering and greeting task in this situation!!

I leave you with a beautiful prayer:

A Christmas Threshold Blessing

Written by the Rev. Nigel Weaver for the Prayer Bench

It takes a lifetime God
to learn to trust you.
It takes a lifetime God
to know you're always there.
It takes a lifetime God
to find the hidden places.
It takes a lifetime God
to make the simple journey.
It takes a lifetime God
to grow in our awareness.
It takes a lifetime God

to dare the way to freedom.
It takes a lifetime God
to sense the goodness present.
It takes a lifetime God
to know all we've been given.
We praise you God.
This lifetime's ours to share.

Fondest blessings this Christmas.

May you be a blessing to others,

Rose~Hannah