



From the Desk of Father Peter

Feast of Epiphany and Us

Christmas celebrates a family that could not find a home in which to stay. The angel came and glorified God. Then, people from the east came and found the wonder child that King Herod had sought to eliminate because he felt Jesus was a threat to his parochial sense of kingdom.



The word “epiphania” means “a showing” or “revelation.” Today’s feast marks the revelation or showing of the infant Christ to the world. It is a great missionary feast, whose significance is that Christ is meant for the salvation of all everywhere.

Epiphany is also a time of focusing on Christian community and fellowship, especially in healing divisions that we all too often create between God’s children. May we all be able to pray this Epiphany prayer?

God our father, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who were not your people but whom you chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because you loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus.

As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to forgive? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any level sees ourselves as better as, or more righteous than others. Will

you help us remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect for others form our own prisons! Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no more room for intolerance? As you have given so much, will you enable us with your strength to forgive even more? Will you enable through your abiding Presence among us, communally and individually, to live our lives in a manner of the Name we bear?

May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people.

We thank you for your love, praise you for your Gift, ask for your Presence with us, and bring these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart. Amen

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*Happy New Year
and may God bless us all.*

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