



EXPECTANT LONGING

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From the Prophet Isaiah

*“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call him while he is near.”
Alleluia, alleluia.*

ISAIAH 55:6

Reflection

The Hebrew Scripture above expresses well the tone of Advent preparation for and waiting to realize God’s love in the world. This is no passive waiting! Advent calls for expectant longing, dynamic seeking even in darkness and silence. We are to engage in energetic seeking, being keenly alert to the signs, the symbols, the evidence of God with us in every moment of the day. Each moment and every encounter hold the possibility to see, discover, recognize God as near to us as our breadth.

God, who is Love, is in a continuous act of outpouring blessings for us. The promise once given has been realized, and still comes into our reality. We need the eyes of faith and the awareness of what God is like to perceive the One for whom we wait, and discover that One is already with us and within us.

Karl Rahner, SJ wrote in *Encounters with Silence*, ***“Behold You come. And Your coming is neither past nor future, but the present, which has only to reach its fulfillment. Now it is still the one single hour of Your advent, at the end of which we too shall have found out that You have really come.”***

So, we wait! We wait for what is and for what is to come in the depths of our hearts and the sanctuary of our souls. Let us actively seek to see, know, touch God among us. It is Advent: Come, Emmanuel!



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For Pondering

- What is the depth of my seeking God in the everyday?
- In whom and where have I seen God?
- Who reveals God's listening presence to me?

- How and when have I reflected God's presence and love in my daily life?
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For Prayer

***“O God who is to come,
grant me the grace to live now, in the hour of Your advent,
in such a way that I may merit to live in You forever,
in the blissful hour of Your eternity.”***

*Open the eyes of my heart to see your face in the people nearest to me.
Open my ears to hear your voice in the loving deeds and kind words
of another person.*

Amen.

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