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#### **CHILDREN OF GOD**

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## **An Excerpt from Today's First Reading**

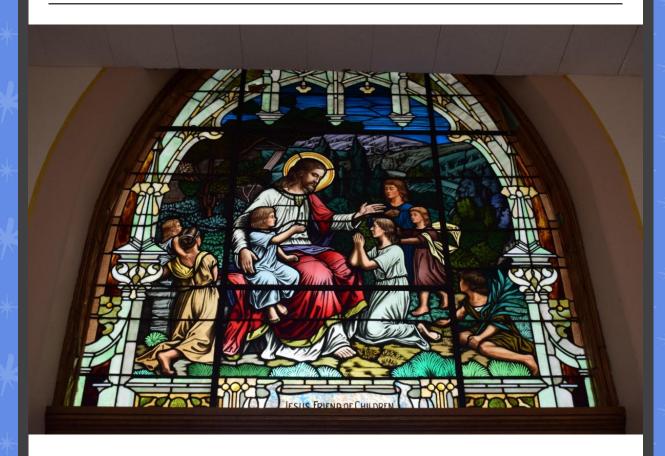
See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

1 JOHN 3:1-2

### Reflection

The fact that we are known and identified as children of God is proof of our Creator's all-embracing love for us. We belong to the Holy One, who in turn belongs to us. This relationship encourages mutuality of all human beings -- indeed, of all creation. No matter what occurs, we are not alone nor without hope on this life journey. We hear that "all the ends of the earth have seen the

saving power of God." We trust in and live in that power.



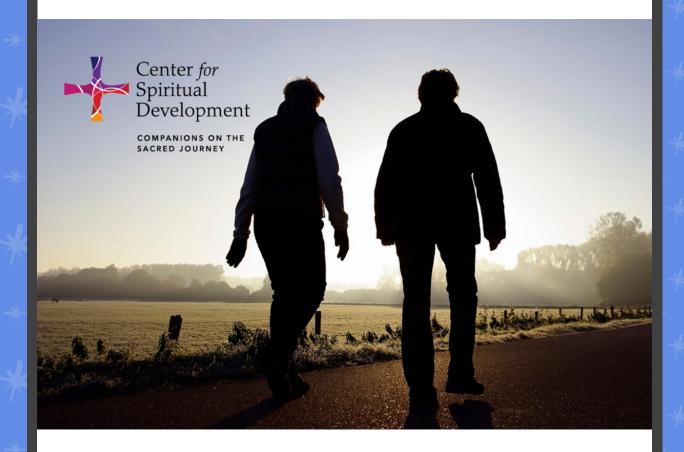
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# **For Prayer**

My God, it has taken me time, but I'm finally learning to trust you. When I called, you answered; when I cried you sent me relief; when I was in need, you came through. You are there for me in every instance. I need only look, think, and understand, and I can always find you; there you are, always ready to help. Thank you, God.

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