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Dear Friends,

*Prepare the way of the Lord! (Is 40:3)*

Advent is a beautiful season; it is a time of waiting for, of preparing for, of growing anticipation for the celebration of the fulfillment of God's promise. The prophecy of Isaiah quoted above appears in Luke's Gospel, in reference to John the Baptist (Luke 3:4-6), and it is read on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. It is God's promise!

Lest we forget **what** we're waiting and preparing for these weeks of Advent, let's take a few moments in the busyness of shopping, baking, partying to reflect on the "reason for the season"; God made a promise, and we are the beneficiaries of that fulfilled promise. Now that's an awesome reason to throw ourselves wholeheartedly into this Advent season.

May your Advent bring you closer to the realization of God's love for you.

Know that you are ever in our prayers.

With a grateful heart,

*Sr. Nancy*

Sr. Nancy and all your Poor Clare Sisters

May almighty God bless you. May God look upon you with mercy and give you peace.

— Blessing of St. Clare