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Dear Friends,

The Christmas Season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which is on January 12 this year. I hope the Season was a blessed and memorable one for you. Now that the gifts have been given, received, and unwrapped, the decorations have been put away, and the parties are over, I would like to share a favorite post-Christmas poem with you.

The Work of Christmas

by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

I pray we may each be part of the continuing work of Christmas in 2025.

Thank you for the many ways you bring music to our hearts! 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