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Dear Friends,

All children of the same parents are siblings, right? Then we are truly brothers and sisters with all of God's children. That is Good News, isn't it?

Since we are so intimately related, we are impacted by whatever our family members are experiencing – for the better or for the worse. We celebrate the birth of new children in our families, graduations, weddings, career promotions and all sorts of happy occasions.

We also grieve with those who have lost loved ones and livelihoods in recent hurricanes and fires across the country. We ache as well for those who are experiencing the displacement and losses of war in the Middle East and elsewhere while we rejoice at the release of hostages and a temporary ceasefire there. Recently, we found out that the Poor Clares in Managua, Nicaragua were expelled overnight from their country; we feel that viscerally as we try to imagine that happening to ourselves. Even the polarization we are experiencing in our country right now pales in comparison.

So, it's time to recall our blessings and give thanks for all we take for granted. Let's then remember to proclaim the really good news to one another – that we're all in this together, and best of all, God is driving the bus!

May God bless you.

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