

PRAYER LETTER 51

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It is a reality now... "Winter is Coming".

I cannot imagine how this season will look like, what about Advent and Christmas!! Will the churches and the Christian communities in Syria and Lebanon be able to celebrate it as before?

I do not think so, but still "Winter is Coming".

Winter, a very tough season, I have the feeling that since 2011 [*when the war started in Syria*] this winter is not coming to an end, i.e. to a fair end.

However, was it not like this, when the fullness of time finally broke into our world on Jesus' Birthday? What about that winter? Tough, cold, strange, poor, surrounded by demonic rulers, and yet Jesus incarnated for our sake.

For this reason, I believe that our Lord Jesus will make it His season and will find a way to make of this Winter a time for His church to act with Hope, kindness, and compassion.

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. John 10: 10

Our Heavenly Father,

Gracious and Holy is your name, and we come to you today as we respond to your universal calling "come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest".

Our Heavenly Father,

This earth is filled with hatred, anger, poverty, sickness, diseases, killing of soul and flesh and other kinds of brutality. Therefore, we take refuge in you, and we need you as the only shelter. And we believe that we have a great high priest who was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Our Heavenly Father,

We come and ask boldly of you to make of your sons and daughters' channels of mercy and peace. And to give us all eyes that see and ears that hear to the pain of this paralyzed world, and above all to give us heavenly wisdom to act in likeness of Jesus.

Whom in His Holy name we always and forever Pray. Amen

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