

To Hear Another's Cry

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3rd Week of Advent



The Lord hears the cry of the poor. (Psalm 34: 7)

The psalm today is my favorite and it is also the most challenging for me. During this season, we are confronted with the poor in our midst. In our little town we have a wonderful program called "Share the Warmth." All the churches and colleges participate in spending time at the homeless shelter, providing company and meals. It's our way of reaching out to those in need in our local community.

Jesus is calling us to be on the watch for those in need. He invites us—and maybe challenges us—in our wondering and watching to notice the poor in our midst. Can you volunteer some time to work in a program in your town or make a meal for those in need as a way to prepare for Jesus?

It is up to us to watch and notice Jesus in our midst. He invites us to open our eyes to see what is needed where we live and worship. Will you recognize Jesus in the poor? Will you recognize him in the breaking of the bread? Will you watch and wonder for Jesus by caring for the poor?

Reflection:

See if you have a food pantry or soup kitchen in your area and volunteer so that you can bring good news to the poor.

Have you thought about what you are going to ask for this Christmas? What do you think of giving something rather than asking for something? Check out the [Heifer International](#) website and give a gift that keeps on giving this Christmas.

Prayer:

"The Lord hears the cry of the poor. Blessed be The Lord."

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