

Based on the first reading for Sunday 3 December – Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8

“We are all the work of your hand.”

On the first Sunday of Advent, we bring all our weariness, our tiredness, and our brokenness before the altar of the Lord. And together in stillness, we watch as the first candle of the Advent wreath is lit, rekindling the fire of God’s hope in our hearts.

This week’s reading reminds us of the mercy of God. Each one of us has been lovingly created by God’s hands. When we meet a stranger, are we filled with wonder at what God has formed? Or are we tempted to think of ourselves as worthier than others?

This Advent, let us allow ourselves to be shaped by God’s mercy. We are compelled to love the stranger as our neighbour, because every person is precious to God.

We pray especially for our neighbours who are forced to flee from poverty, war, and persecution.

Let us keep the flame of love burning this Advent, by the love we share with our worldwide family.



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God of love, every person is precious in your sight. Move us to profess our love for our sisters and brothers through our actions, bringing the light of your hope to the world. Amen.

This reflection and prayer were taken from our Advent calendar.