

## Reflection Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Week Advent 2021

As our planet is threatened with collapse, we would love to hear these words of Isaiah spoken to us today, *“He will send rain for the seed you sow in the ground, and the bread that the ground provides will be rich and nourishing. Your cattle will graze, that day, in wide pastures. Oxen and donkeys that till the ground will eat a salted fodder, winnowed with shovel and fork. On every lofty mountain, on every high hill there will be streams and watercourses.”* (Is 30: 23) Everything we can do to help make this happen will be the best prayer we make this Advent as we await the New Life of Jesus for ourselves and for the Earth. Jesus, the Gospel tells us, cures all kinds of diseases and sickness. Jesus was selfless and, like his Apostles, he chose us to be missionaries of Good News. He shares with us his power of healing and curing and giving life. He has given us the power to heal and help resurrect creation in his name. We have no excuses!

### PRAYER

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.*

*You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.*

*Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.*

*Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.*

*O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.*

*Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.*

*Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.*