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# KARUNA

Newsletter of the Janssen Spirituality Centre

*KARUNA – A compassionate heart*

## From the Director's Desk

Dear Friends of Janssen Centre,

With Christmas around the corner, it is time again to take a moment to take stock, of all the things that have happened, and of what we are to celebrate. It is a time to look at where we are going and where we want to go. It is a time when we buy presents and food and drink to celebrate this great day, but at the heart of our celebrations I would like to suggest some space for our Saviour, the King of Peace, whose birth we remember.

Among my many papers, I found a prayer for peace which speaks to me and I hope will also speak to you. I pray that this blessing for peace will be on your lips and in your heart as we celebrate this year's Christmas.

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE:**

**God, you are the source of life and peace.  
Praised be your name forever.  
We know it is you who turn  
our minds to thoughts of peace.  
Hear our prayer in this time of need.**

**Your power changes our hearts.  
Countless people on earth  
remember  
and profoundly affirm,  
that they are followers of one God,  
children of Abraham, brothers and  
sisters to each other in this world.**

**May enemies begin to speak with  
one another;  
those who are estranged join hands  
in friendship;  
and nations seek the way of peace  
together.  
Strengthen our resolve to give  
witness to these truths  
by the way we live.**

**Give all people:  
Understanding that puts an end to  
strife;  
Mercy that quenches hatred, and  
Forgiveness that overcomes  
vengeance.  
O God, of many names, empower  
humankind to live in peace. Amen**

A Blessed Christmas to all of you.  
Fr. Nick de Groot SVD  
(Director)

