

May the Blessed Hope of Christmas Be with You.

*Today you know that the Lord will come
And in the morning you shall see God's glory.*

This song sung at Christmas highlights the theme of blessed hope. It prepares us for the Savior's return. It echoes the refrain expressed in the Mass of Christmas: "Awaiting our blessed hope--the glorious coming of the great God, our Savior Christ Jesus."

This religious reality pervades our lives as Christians and animates the joyful, hopeful spirit of our lives—even against all odds.

Our country, our community, our families, and many of our students at Seattle University are experiencing harsh economic times. It is in the very midst of this darkness that the light of hope, the light of God come into the world, enlivens our hearts and gives us hope. We are trying to keep the poor especially in our hearts and our decisions about how to be generous.

My wish for each of you is that the comfort and inspiration of God's love accompany you these days and throughout the year to come.

From all of us at Seattle University as we hold you gratefully in our prayers,

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