



A Consortium Christmas Blessing and Call to Unity



"For unto us a child is born..." (Isaiah 9:6)

The promise of a child to bring hope and an age of peace is part of prophecies old and new. The child that Christians celebrate this season is a Child for the World, given to all nations and peoples that they might know God's grace and love in and through this babe in a manger.

This Tibetan Thangka (sacred image) was painted by Master Locho at the request of the Dalai Lama, as a gift to a Christian community, to honor and meditate upon the birth of Jesus Christ.

Our world longs most for an era of Peace, when all peoples will have good food and work, when the violence of prejudice or profits will cease, and when the creation will be restored and safeguarded. Christians look to this Child as the one who brings such peace to the entire world.

This image of the "Reconciliation of all Creatures," by Mark Chagall, depicts Isaiah's prophecy, but with a Holy Child that dances with all creation. Christian Unity is paramount to helping the world know the Peace and redemption that the Child of Christmas brings.



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