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Dear Saints

The shadows are long, and the day is far spent as we come to terms with the rapidly increasing number of Covid-19 infections.

But the threshold of the dimness dares us to cross into the night. For there we will find the Most Holy One, our Lord and our God. There we will find our Saviour, the Child found in the darkness of the womb; then in life in the silence and twilight of the cave. There we will find the great mystery of our faith.

Isaiah 62: 6-7 reminds us that our God has posted guards in the night who, without ceasing, will cry: "You that invoke the Lord's name, take no rest, and give no rest to Him until he makes Jerusalem a theme of praise throughout the world."

And as we watch, the most sacred Lord of our lives will help us to listen for God as we live and breathe and move; as we are the sentinels within the walls of our homes, our places of work, our parishes, our communities, and our country.

Take time to be silent. Open your heart and mind to the power of the Spirit. Breathe in this life-giving Spirit. And then, pray without ceasing, and understand that what we are experiencing is not that which we expect. It troubles and puzzles us, and saps our energy and resolve.

Hold on to the full armour of God as you wrestle with our modern day reality of disease. Hold on to the promise of the young man of Nazareth who touched the untouchable, and healed.

Pray for our people, those close and near to you and those you do not know, without ceasing. **Do not let God rest.** Liziwe and I pray with you and for you, and, as we watch, may our light shine as in the breaking of a new day.

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