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Dear League Sisters,

It has been a long dark journey through COVID. My prayer for you is that this Advent and Christmas season, ignites you with the Light of Christ, lifts your spirits and gives you hope and joy in God's love. I pray that you are comforted in knowing that you are never alone. Emmanuel - God is with us. *"Be strong. Be brave. Be fearless. You are never alone."* Joshua 1:9

Please know that you are always in my thoughts, prayers and in my heart. Remember that:

- We walk by faith, but we never walk alone.
- We journey in life, but we never journey alone.
- We work towards holiness, but we never work alone.

God makes us sisters and love makes us friends. Our bond in the League makes us strong in numbers and blessed by God's grace. Proverbs 31:25 says *"She is clothed in strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future."* Look to the light and have hope in knowing that our future is bright, and yes, this darkness of COVID will lift and we will gather again. For God, who said, *"Let light shine out of darkness,"* has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

Advent and Christmas reminds us of God's love and that the light of Christ is present in our lives throughout all seasons. The light of Christ is the holy illumination that we are each called to be for one another. The Church liturgy of Advent helps us to prepare for our journey to the cradle of God's love. We prepare, we watch and wait in anticipation, we hope, we reflect, we witness, and we magnify the Lord. Blessed Mother Mary said *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant, Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed."* Let us strive towards holiness, remembering we are a child of God. *"Whenever you feel unloved, unimportant, or insecure, remember to whom you belong."* Ephesian 2:19-22 *"You are altogether beautiful my darling, beautiful in every way."* Song of Songs 4:7

May this Advent booklet of daily prayers, lead you on a joyful and peaceful journey to the Silent and Holiest of nights, as the Angels sing from the heavens, and the Bethlehem star shines bright, leading you to the cradle of God's love, Jesus Christ, our Savior. *"May you draw close to God through prayer and in the stillness of God's peace. May the love that came that holy night light all your days with hope and joy."*

Blessings this Advent and Merry Christmas to you and yours. May the Light of Christ shine within you and all around you. May you always Sparkle God's way, and may **Heavenly Peace** be with you always.

Love, hugs and blessings,

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