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December 6th, 2nd Sunday of Advent: Luke 3: 1 – 6

Reflection: *"All flesh shall see the salvation of God"*

It is challenging in the midst of the violence we see all around us, to follow the Way of Jesus, the Way of Nonviolence. It is good to be wary of getting caught up in the mob and listening to the voices calling for blood. It is good to have role models of non-violence. It is good to BE role models of nonviolence. The mob mentality can easily be whipped up by media which directs the focus to those who become scapegoats. "I won't give you the gift of hating you," wrote Antoine Leiris' in a powerful tribute to his wife who died in the Bataclan during the violent attacks in Paris. [#ParisAttacks bbc.in/1NbYE0q](https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-14110000) Violent responses beget more violence. Let us be breakers of the violence spiral by becoming active peacemakers – together!

Fact File: There are many religious groups and individuals in Australia and around the world actively promoting peace and non-violence. *Religions for Peace Australia* is one.

Learn More: Through *Religions for Peace*, diverse religious communities discern "deeply held and widely shared" moral concerns, such as transforming violent conflict, promoting just and harmonious societies, advancing human development and protecting the earth. Religions for Peace translates these shared moral concerns into concrete multi-religious action.

Take Action: Take to heart the words of the hymn, "Be not afraid" and support those seeking asylum from conflict in the Middle East. Don't allow refugees to be scapegoated. Join the "Offer a meal activity" which skips a meal a couple of times a month in solidarity with—and prayer for—those suffering from hunger, extreme poverty or violent conflict. <http://religionsforpeaceaustralia.org.au>

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