

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Love



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- L: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's love.
- P: Soon we will welcome
the beautiful and radical love of God
as Jesus Christ comes to live among us.
- L: We embrace our identity as God's beloved children
and let this truth guide our decisions and relationships.
- P: In our homes and in our church
we offer hospitality,
welcoming those we don't know, those who are in need,
and those who are different from us.
- L: We demonstrate our care for creation
in real and tangible ways through the products we buy,
the food we eat, and the way we live every day.
- P: Together, we are a sign of God's love for the world.

(The candle is lit)

- L: Let us pray:
- P: God of extravagant generosity,
in Jesus we discover
the depth of your care
and the lengths you will go to save us.
Forgive us when we ignore those in need,
trample your creation
and refuse to share
all that we receive from you.
Teach us to love our neighbours,
caring for each other
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



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A Mother's LOVE

In Afghanistan,
Murzia had several difficult pregnancies,
including two miscarriages.

When Murzia learned that she was pregnant with her fourth child, she was determined to have a different experience.

In Afghanistan, late-night deliveries are often not attended by health care professionals. Even during times when medical staff are available, many women do not have the transportation or finances necessary to access their services.

Murzia's determination paid off when one of her peers advised her of an affordable treatment option, close to her home.

She decided to visit the PWS&D-supported health centre. There, she was able to receive months of neonatal support and was assisted with a prompt and hygienic delivery of a healthy baby boy by the dedicated staff.

"I am a very happy mother. My newborn is healthy, and my health has improved, too," Murzia enthusiastically shared.

This Advent season
help mothers deliver
healthy babies with
access to safe,
clean and affordable
maternal health
services.

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