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Earth's Kingdom

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*“Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
(Matthew 6:10)*

Earth's Kingdom

Wake up, people of God.
You have a Kingdom to rule.

**“For all of you who were baptized into Christ
and have clothed yourself with Christ” (Galatians 3:26–28)**

If we have clothed ourselves as Christ,
as Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King
we, too are clothed in this charism of salvation.

Wake up, people of God—
You have an Earth Kingdom to Rule.
As Kings/Queens, bring your gifts and talents

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to the Babe of Bethlehem.
Don't put those boxes, ribbons and bows away just yet.

Your first gift must have a gold ribbon.
When opened, behold all your acts of compassion,
mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation,
will be like golden nuggets for the King.

Red ribbon tops your second gift.
Inside Jesus will find a crucible and incense.
There will be many little boxes
holding very difficult trials and tests.
When Jesus opens them, he knows
you accepted his will rather than yours.

Wakened people of God,
praise God for the grace and the power
He has poured out upon you.

Wrap the third gift with red heart paper,
for when Jesus opens this box,
he notices a beautiful odor arising from it.
Loving and caring people of God,
you have gifted the little son of God,
with the most precious of gifts, living His law of love.

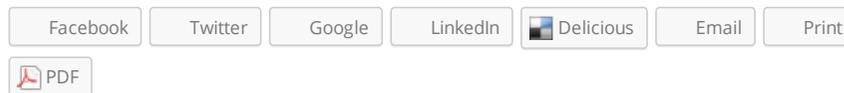
"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12)

People of God, clothed with Christ,
Go with Him to rule and transform Earth's Kingdom as priest, prophet and King.

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. What challenges you most in this prayer?
2. What are your feelings as you finish reflecting upon "Earth's Kingdom?"
3. Is there any gift box you need to fill a bit more?
4. How will you fill that box? When will you begin?

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