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Questions for Reflection

The prophet Isaiah announces good news: God comforts and strengthens a wearied and exiled people in preparation for their homeward journey. Mark's Gospel announces the good news of God in Jesus Christ: God comes to turn the world right side up and baptize us with the Holy Spirit. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Messiah, what is the beginning of God's good news in your life, and how will it change the way you approach this season of expectation and hope?

Household Prayer: Morning

Lord, how I love this season of new beginnings,
the opportunity to turn toward you and start again.
Empower me to be a messenger of good news,
and a leveling influence along the way,
as I seek to be one with you
in smoothing out the rough places I encounter. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, you have comforted me throughout this day
and rescued me from my exile.
Where I have flourished, I give you thanks;
where I have erred, I ask your forgiveness.
Protect me through the night
that I may rest in your realm of peace
where righteousness makes a home. Amen.