

We are a people of light

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Mt 5:14-16)

Reflection:

A light is lit in order to give light.

A candle is not lit to be put under a basket, said Christ.

It's lit and put up high, in order to give light.

That is what a true community is like.

A community is a group of men and women who have found the truth

In Christ and in his gospel,

And who follow the truth and join together to follow it more strongly.

It is not just an individual conversion.

It is a family who believes, a group that accepts God.

In the group, each one finds that the brother or sister is a source of strength

And, that in moments of weakness, they help one another

And by loving one another and believing,

They give light and example.

The preacher no longer needs to preach,

For there are Christians who preach by their own lives.

(Oscar Romero, Oct 29 1978)

Prayer:

Response : *May we be people of light.*

Creator God, you have made us as your people, called to proclaim your Good news to the world. **(R)**

You have gifted us with a sense of your presence in our lives and missioned us to share this presence with others. **(R)**

Through your Son, you have shown us the ways of light and truth in the world. **(R)**

With the Spirit, you provide us with all we need to bring your message to others through the witness we give in our lives. **(R)**

Be with us as we journey together

Be with us as we discover your way

Be with us as the light shining through us

Be with us now and each day.