

## Tuesday, December 5



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. (Isaiah 11:6)

**Reflection:** The old joke about this passage is that the leopard might light down with the kid, but the kid won't get much sleep. We chuckle at this because Isaiah gives us an image that goes against all our experience and expectations. Take note: the kingdom of God will not be how we expect it! Assumptions about natural friends and enemies are not true in the kingdom of God. What is the modern, urban equivalent of Isaiah's pastoral image of lamb and wolf? Black and white folks breaking bread and worshipping together? A teenage delinquent and an older person sharing a cup of coffee? "The wolf shall be a guest of the lamb..."

**Advent Action:** Send a card to a friend or loved one who lost a family member during this year. Let them know you are praying for them and thinking of them this **Christmas**.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me welcome You once again and make room for You in my daily life, that You may make Your home in my heart.