

Peace on Earth – Good Will Towards Men

The season of giving – of loving – of sharing - is upon us.

The bells and carols resonate throughout the shops –

gayly decorated with plastic wreaths and glittering ribbons.

An occasional “Merry Christmas” can be heard by the politically incorrect.

The malls are crowded –

Plastic credit cards slide through machines as harried customers rapidly purchase gifts – as if January bills will never materialize.

Peace on earth – good will to man?

Afghanistan? Iran? Israel? Ukraine?

Can we dismiss the faces of the maimed? The dead? – as if they were no more – never had been?

Suicide bombers planning their treacherous acts to destroy –

Not only themselves – but the innocent as well.

Middle East peace – is it not just a dream? Can thousands of years of hatred be forgotten by a piece of paper?

Peace on earth – good will to men.

Two thousand years have passed since the Prince of Peace lay as a babe in a stable.

Even death on a cross and the promise of forgiveness of man’s sin can not erase the seed of evil in the hearts of man.

Jerusalem, the holiest of cities, is divided by Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.

Does He not weep as He watches his created ones hate – when all He brought and

All He is – **is truth, light, and love.**