



THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CONNECTICUT
Order of the Eastern Star, Inc.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers –

The holiday season is upon us. It is a time for reflection and a time to acknowledge the many blessings that God continually bestows. Our hope is the tenets of Christmas shine upon you each and every day.

A Blessing for a Hopeful Beginning

-- Dr. Howard Thurman--

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the Star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with the flocks,
Then the work of Christmas begins:*

To find the lost,

To heal those broken in spirit,

To feed the hungry,

To release the oppressed,

To rebuild nations,

To bring peace among all peoples,

To make a little music with the heart.

And to radiate the Light of Christ every day, in every way, in all that we do and all that we say.

Then the work of Christmas begins.

Let us be grateful for all that we have. Let us be mindful of all God's graces. Let us keep in our prayers the men and women of our armed services and their families, as well as all of God's children who suffer from physical and emotional pain. Let us begin the work of Christmas.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father shine through our lives and bring peace, serenity, and joy to every heart and home.

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