



Darkness is something that we're very familiar with today. In a literal sense, the coming of winter brings shorter, darker days. Another source of darkness comes from society's troubles. Things like politics, family drama, and social injustices (which come in many forms) drain our hope and make life feel bleak. Isaiah was familiar with darkness too. As a prophet during one of the most tumultuous periods of time in Judah's history, his job was to bring messages from God to the earthly government to warn them and proclaim God's judgment. But Isaiah also declared the greatest hope that mankind will ever have: a child born into our world that will ultimately establish eternal peace, justice, and righteousness.

In times like these, it's important to remember that the darkness shading our vision is only temporary. God has shown us the brightest light imaginable, lifted the burdens from our backs, and given us a reason to rejoice regardless of our circumstances.

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Father God, as we continue to live our daily lives, I pray that we will be made aware of every time that darkness steals a place in our hearts. Give us the strength and the courage to fight against that darkness with the light that the hope of Jesus has instilled in us. You are our Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and we love you. Amen.

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