

SOME DAYS

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On this Christmas Day at my meditation time, something like this was on my heart, so I jotted it down. Perhaps you might find it helpful.

Some days I need the baby Jesus when it is too easy to ignore the real needs of the most vulnerable of the earth.

Some days I need the crucified Jesus to remind me that the Divine's solidarity with the suffering and oppressed of this planet is total.

Some days I need the forgiving Jesus when I need to confess my failure to love or to extend grace to those who have offended me.

Some days I need the healing Jesus when my own pathologies threaten to get the best of me and have discouraged me in body and spirit.

Some days I need the challenging Jesus when I get complacent and turn my head away and fail to see Jesus in the face of my neighbor.

Some days I need the barrier breaching Jesus who boldly stepped across many of the tribal, religious, gender, social and ethnic boundary lines of his day to affirm the humanity of those on the other side who were disparaged and dehumanized by so many.

Some days I need the teacher Jesus when I think I know enough; to lead me beyond my own arrogance into a posture of humility, openness and hunger to learn more.

Some days I need the Jesus who centered the disciples with the words, "Do not fear," when I allow fear to play too big a role in my decision making.

Some days I need the comforting Jesus when my spirit is down and I need an embracing, engulfing and unconditional love.

Some days I need to hear the mystic Jesus say again, "the Kingdom of God is within you." I need to hear that there is creative potential within me, a gift from God, especially when I am down on myself.

Some days I need the risen Jesus assure me again that a "light shines in the darkness" and that loving lavishly is the way to a fullest humanity.

Every day I need the Cosmic Christ who, as John and Paul declared, has been present since the beginning moment of the universe and dwells within me and all things whether I am aware of it or not - so I can daily re-awaken to the inner Divine Presence and be empowered again to live Jesus' life in the world. Amen.