

# The Pray More Advent Retreat

Inspiring talks to help you  
prepare to celebrate the  
birth of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ



## Living as a Redeemed People in a Broken World

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### Reflective Questions

“To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth – that is not living, but existing.”

- Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

- The four fundamental relationships for man’s life are the relationship with God, the relationship with ourselves, the relationship with one another and the relationship with animals and nature. Are these four relationships in harmony in your life? Where do you see an imbalance of harmony? What would you do to make these fundamental relationships more balanced in your life?
- According to the speaker, the key to Christianity is that our senses deceive us. Our world often looks so broken that we think we don’t know if good or evil is going to win in the end. However, as Christians we don’t need to ask if evil is going to win in the end because Jesus has already defeated evil. What are ways that your senses have deceived you into despair about the disarray of our world? How have you seen that your senses deceive you? How have you seen our redemption even though the world often doesn’t feel redeemed? What are ways that you have experienced living in the world and saying, “This is good. I understand my place in the world”?
- What does the world gain by your hope in this broken world?
- As God created us for to be in communion with Him, He also created us to have human and spiritual companions. Who in your life now, and who in

the past, has been significant in your becoming who you are today? Who have you companioned — children or adults — on their faith journey? How have you done it and how has it affected your life?

- Are you “attached” to the brokenness of our world and its allurements so that you neglect to make the needed changes in your life to get closer to God? What steps can you take to avoid getting caught up in the brokenness?