

Advent Isaiah

A Reflection
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Advent symbolizes our
human condition.

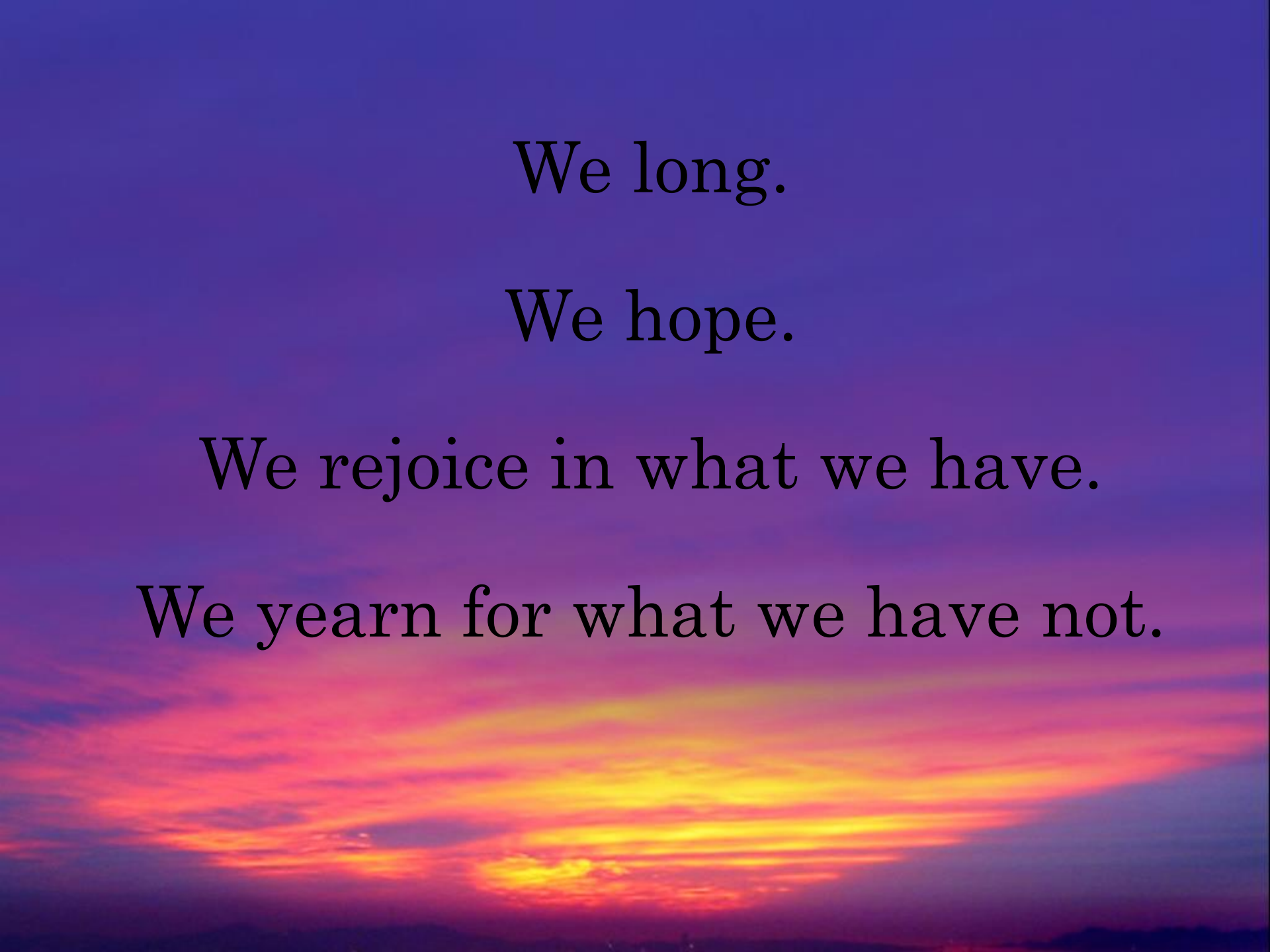



We long.

We hope.


We rejoice in what we have.

We yearn for what we have not.



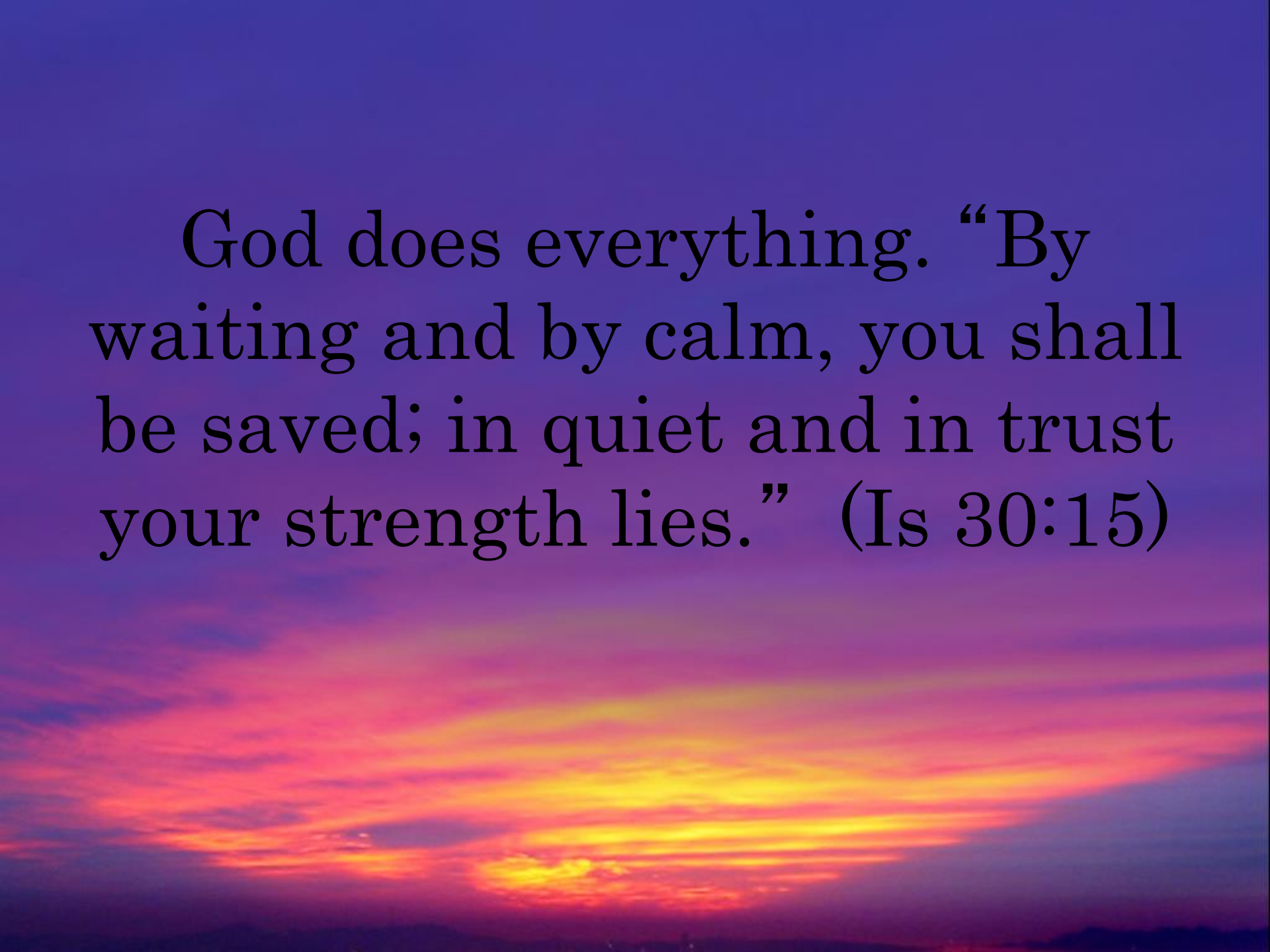


“Prepare the way of the Lord.
Make straight his paths.”
(Isaiah 40:3)



Isaiah reminds us that the
Lord is about to create
something new.

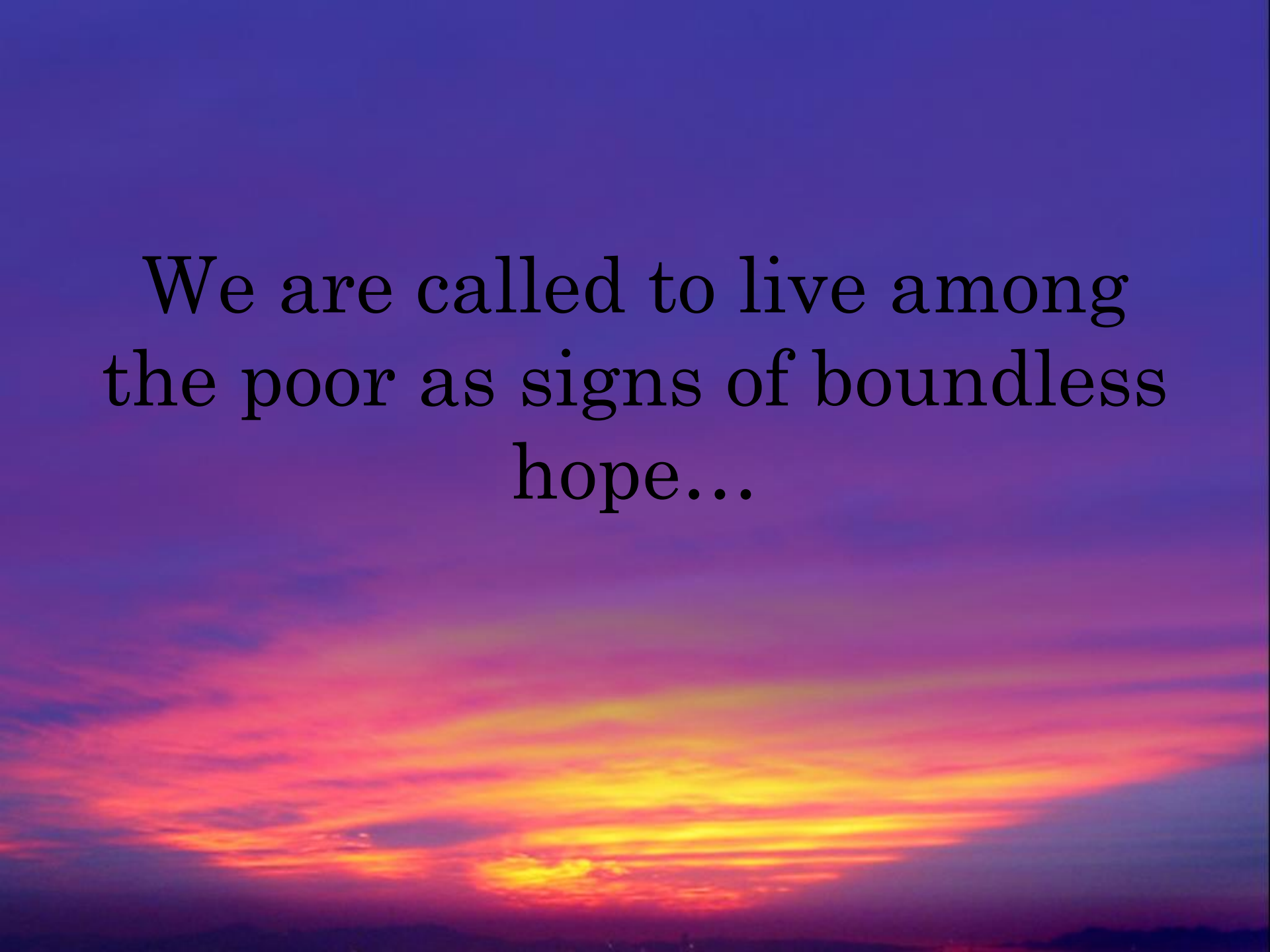
God does everything. “By waiting and by calm, you shall be saved; in quiet and in trust your strength lies.” (Is 30:15)



Isaiah's second theme puts
the accent on human
responsibility.

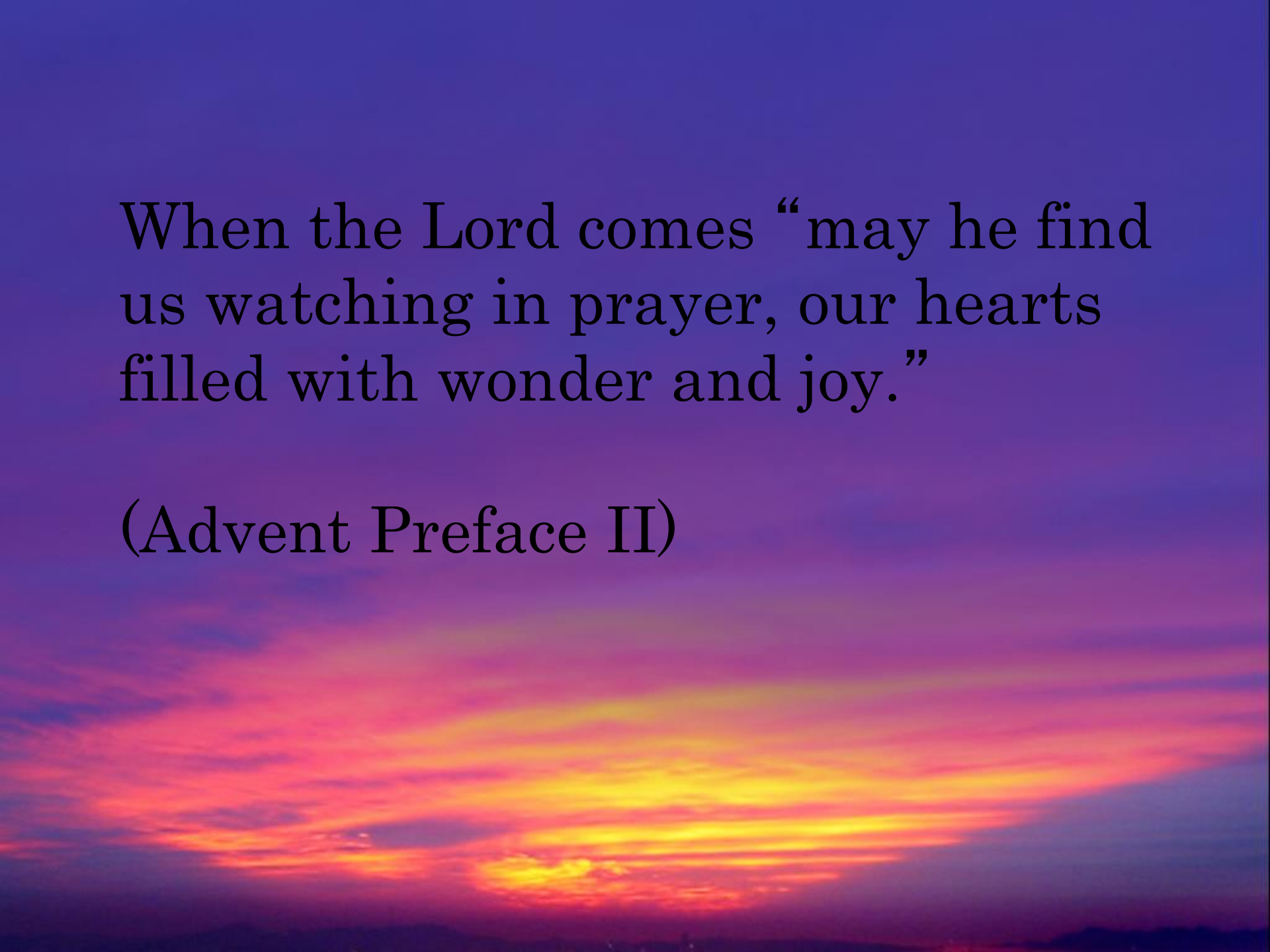
It recognizes that God's work
on earth is our work too...

We are called to live among
the poor as signs of boundless
hope...



When the Lord comes “may he find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and joy.”

(Advent Preface II)

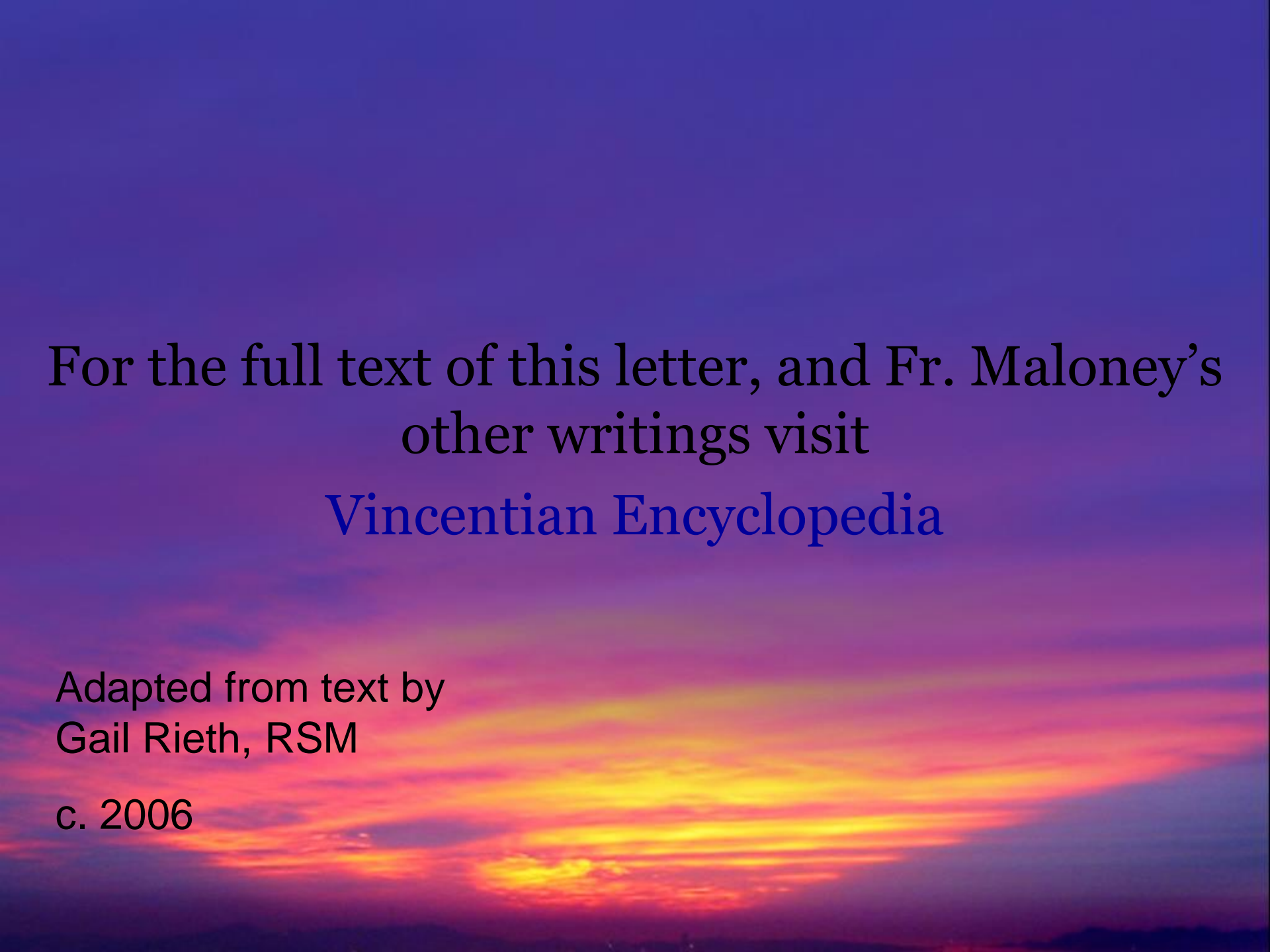




*What are some steps that will
help us to prepare the way of
the Lord?*

Give yourself generously to the hour of personal prayer that our Constitutions commit us to.

Give yourself wholeheartedly to the Church's preferential option for the poor.



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