

# Christmas Radio Message 2009

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**This is Bishop Walter Hurley of the Diocese of Grand Rapids extending good wishes this Christmas season to you and to all people of good will.**

**With war, unemployment, a poor economy and great personal and family struggles in the lives of many we can become discouraged and afraid. Christmas and the birth of the Lord are a beacon of hope for us because they remind us “Do not be afraid” and that “God has sent His only son among us—to walk with us on our life journey both in joy and sorrow until he calls us to Himself in glory. This season should fill us with awe and wonder at the Word of God who came down from heaven. It should fill us with gratitude at the nearness of our God.**

**This is Bishop Walter Hurley wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with God’s gracious blessings.**

**May your hearts be open to receive the love of God poured out and may your days be filled with His glory and peace.**