One Heart for Mission

Brigid, Nano, Daniel,
formed in your separate stories
in the heart of the one Lord,
you looked on the heard realities of your world
And saw the Spirit's boundless possibilities.
Living always closer to your people,
you learned to share the Spirit's urgent longing:
"that they may have life, and have it to the full."
Hearts broken open to the world's pain,
hearts afire for justice and compassion,
hearts free for service, joyful in welcome
Steadfast to endure,
You walked with firm step, hands open
to receive life and to share life,
learning to be sister, brother with each one
especially with the poorest, with the least.

At home now in the Presence of the One,
your lives show forth a unity not clear
when you walked your separate journeys here,
a unity of vision and of heart.
Together teach us all who walk your way
how to live as brothers, sisters, now,
in our world which yearns in travail still
to be re-born, one family in God.
(adapted from 'One Heart for Mission', Raphael Consedine pbvm)

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.

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