

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Mon, Dec 22nd 2014**

Today's Gospel passage is the longest written prayer of Mary. Inspired by God, Mary uttered this prayer in the presence of Elizabeth. The same prayer has been repeated a billion times since then. Popularly known as Magnificat, it is a prayer based on the prayer of Hannah for her son Samson (cf. 1Sam 2:1-10, Today's responsorial psalm). In this prayer, Mary asks for nothing and expresses no guilt or sorrow for sin. Rather, she praises and gives thanks to the Lord. This prayer of the poor lady of Nazareth is considered as the most revolutionary document in the world (Stanley Jones). It is a revolutionary song in many ways. It speaks of moral revolution as God blesses the humble (Mt 5:5). It speaks of social revolution as God blesses the poor (Lk 6:20). It speaks of economic revolution in which God blesses the hungry (Lk 6: 21). The pathetic socio, political and economical situation of Africa demands urgent moral, political, social and economical revolution. It demands that it begins with me. Where is my Magnificat for Africa?

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