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The Universe...is a breathtaking organization of reality far beyond our ken yet, before which we are humbled and bow in adoration to the ONE, the Cosmic Intelligence, Providence, whom the Universe mirrors.

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*M*alala Yousafzai is the young Pakistani girl shot in the head by the Taliban on October 12, 2012. Two years later at age 17, Malala is the youngest-ever Nobel Peace Prize laureate. She is known mainly for human rights advocacy, for education and for women.

Recently, Malala spoke to a Youth Forum at the United Nations, "Pick up your books," she urges. "Pick up your pens. They are your most powerful weapons."

And again Malala tells us, "One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world."

The ONE to whom we bow and adore has again entered our Universe in the person of this young girl to awaken our souls, calling us to use our minds and not arms to make peace and to change the world.

As we look into the face of this young woman, she resembles and reminds us of the one we call Blessed. Malala reflects the same humbleness, the same youthful innocence, courage, purity, and wisdom of Mary, and the humbleness that Providence desires to mirror.

In this season of Advent may we pray for Peace for our world and for the safety of all who seek to serve God in the pursuit of Peace and Justice.

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