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**'Tis The Season**

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I can only imagine what it would be like to be starving, or to be poorly dressed or housed. Yet I know there are millions of people all over the world who do not enjoy the material things that we take for granted in America. They don't have the same creature comforts that we enjoy. In fact, many will die without experiencing much of what we have our entire lives.

I can only wonder why God would allow so many people to suffer and sacrifice when they have not lived sinful lives. Maybe there is a lesson that they must learn first. At any rate, I do know that it is not their fault that they have so many problems that they must endure in their countries.

And what can America do about the suffering in the world? There are many Americans who would say that those problems should be solved by foreign governments, and we should focus on the problems at home.

I would agree. In fact, Congresswoman Linda Sanchez would agree, too. She has clearly stated that if we must spend billions rebuilding the infrastructure of an Iraq that we destroyed, we should spend an equal amount of dollars here at home.

Whatever happened to the old saying, America First!? How is it possible that we can have so many problems at home? The news media spends so much time covering issues like gay marriages and abortion, that they have no more time to cover the issues of working class families who have lost their jobs or health insurance.

Maybe a family that has no health care won't sell as many papers as a demonstration at an abortion clinic, but the families who are affected are suffering. They need someone to be an advocate for them.

"Family issues" is the buzzword now in the press and on television, but rarely do we talk about American jobs being outsourced or about the record deficit. Both issues should be the family issues that the media should cover. I wonder how many married gay people we have met, or how many women have had an abortion in our family.

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