

# A Christmas Prayer

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Dear God,

You have given us the greatest hope in your Son, *Jesus Christ*. Thank you for being a *good God* who loves his creation so much that you sent a *Savior* to redeem it.

Christmas is not a cure for grief or hardship, but the gift of *Jesus Christ* is. You've given us the hope of *salvation* through faith in Jesus.

We can *celebrate Christ* coming to earth—not because it makes all our troubles go away but because we can have the *joy of your promise* to heal our hearts and one day return to make all things *whole again*.

We want to be the kind of people who embody and *exhibit your joy*. Give us strength and courage to live a *joy-filled life*, anchored in your faithfulness and past grace and overflowing with *hope for future grace*.

Help us to share the *reason for our joy* with the people around us who are hurting this Christmas. Thank you for giving us *reasons to be glad*.

In your name I pray.

*Amen*



I have come as a *Light*  
to shine in this dark world,  
so that all who put their trust in me will  
no longer wander in the *darkness*.

JOHN 12:46 TLB



May the *God of hope* fill you  
with all *joy and peace* as you  
trust in him, so that you may  
overflow with *hope* by the power  
of the *Holy Spirit*.

ROMANS 15:13 NIV



For *God* loved the world so much that  
he gave his only *Son*, so that everyone  
who believes in him may not die  
but have *eternal life*.

JOHN 3:16 GNT



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the  
government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
*Prince of Peace*.


ISAIAH 9:6 NIV



*“A virgin will have a baby boy,  
and he will be called  
**Immanuel**”  
which means “God is with us.”*



MATTHEW 1:23 CEV




*God has given us eternal life,  
and this life is found  
in his **Son**.*

1 JOHN 5:11 GW

*I am leaving you with a gift—peace  
of **mind** and **heart**. And the peace I  
give is a gift the world cannot give.  
So don't be troubled or afraid.*

JOHN 14:27 NLT



*And suddenly there was with the angel  
a multitude of the heavenly host  
praising God, and saying, **Glory to God**  
in the highest, and on earth peace,  
*good will toward men.**

LUKE 2:13-14 KJV





*When they saw the star, they  
were filled with  
joy!*

MATTHEW 2:10 NLT

*She will give birth to a son,  
and you are to give him  
the name *Jesus*,  
because he will save his  
people from their sins.*

MATTHEW 1:21 NIV



*The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary:  
you have found favor with God. You will  
conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to  
call him Jesus. He will be great and will be  
called the Son of the Most High."*

LUKE 1:30-32 NIV



*And the angel said to them,  
"Fear not, for behold, I bring you  
**good news of great joy**  
that will be for all the people.  
For unto you is born this day in  
the city of David a Savior, who is  
**Christ the Lord.**"*

LUKE 2:10-11 ESV

