

Prayers

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To our esteemed reader, Greetings and peace of Christ.

The Christmas season is here with us. It is a time of joy and hope, an opportunity for us to experience gratitude, generosity and peace of Christ for — to us, a child is born, a son is given to us.

Christmas season tends to be a busy time in the year for most of us. It is my hope and prayer that we may focus on the true meaning of Christmas so as to experience the real joy of Christ. Finding the real joy of Christmas means making Christ the focus of this season.

Christ, born in a stable and cradled in a manger came forth from heaven as mortal man to live amongst us and establish the kingdom of God. His birth changed everything. He brought about a paradigm shift in the thinking of the world. He brought hope. He lived his



life for us, died for our salvati-on. What can we give to him in return?

May our celebration of Christmas be a reflection of the love and selflessness taught by Christ. Let us be present for one another by reaching out to all in loving care and support. Sharing is caring.

My brothers and sisters, may you all have a joy-filled Christ-mas. I have shared prayers to inspire us during this period of Christmas, as we await the blessing of a new year. My prayer and hope is that you may find real joy and hope in the spirit of the birth of Christ.

*May the Saviour be born in your heart
this special season. Amen.*

Hope

O God,
You who comes at the encounter of our suffering,
may the light of the Incarnation of your Son Jesus
Christ
be a sign of hope in the lives of all those who suffer
unjustly
and those who have lost hope.
Give them O Lord,
the hope of Abraham
and may they experience like him an assurance
in the hope
which comes from you
and find in the Incarnate Word, the abundance
of your love.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Joy

Blessed are you O Lord
for the joy of the coming of your Son Jesus
Christ.

Fill our hearts with your joy; that may we
obtain peace and consolation.

Grant us the grace to share your joy with our
brothers and sisters and all around us.

May it rekindle our desire to Christian witness;
may those we interact with experience the joy
of your salvation.

We pray that our voices join the Angels' hymn
of praise,

“Glory to God in the highest.”

We ask this, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.



Gratitude

Thank you O Lord
for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ.
Out of your infinite love for us,
you sent your Son to redeem the whole
universe
and to show us the way to eternal life.
Receive O Lord our deepest gratitude;
Forgive our sins;
And grant us the grace to be faithful disciples
of your Son.
May we never cease to love him,
as he loves us.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.





Generosity

O God,
your Son took flesh and become man.
In so doing,
He demonstrated to us Godly humility.
Grant us O Lord,
the grace to be humble like Jesus by following
his footsteps
and by imitating his unique example of self-
giving love for others. Remove in us any form
of complacency and pride;
Teach us Lord to give ourselves in service to
humanity.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Family

Lord God,
you gave us the Holy Family as the perfect
example of a family. Have pity on our broken
and wounded families;
Give us the grace to imitate the virtues of the
Holy Family
so we can experience the joy of being united by
your love made of selfless sacrifice.
May the Holy Family be the model of all our
families in quest of harmony,
peace and reconciliation.
We ask this, through Christ our Lord,
Amen.



New Year



Heavenly Father,

May the gift of new year O Lord,
Bring us your peace,
joy and consolation.

We pray for communities faced by wars,
hunger, pandemics among other atrocities;
May your Peace and Grace be sufficient for all;
May the peace of your Son dwell in us
and enlighten our hearts and our minds
so we can become peacemakers.

We pray for a happy, blessed and prosperous
new year

We ask this, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.



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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

