

Prayers for Christmas

These prayers might be used in a variety of settings: Opening Prayers (at the beginning of worship) or concluding collects (after the Prayers of the People); for church websites or newsletters; or in personal, small group, or family devotion.

Jesus Christ, holy child, glory of God revealed,
by starlight we first saw your face;
now by candlelight we sing your praise.
Though the night is long, you are our hope.
Though the path is dark, you lead the way.
By your Spirit, help us
to shine with the brightness of your truth
and share the warmth of your great love,
so that all may believe, rejoice, and give thanks,
for you are the light of the world.
Christmas Eve

Holy child of Bethlehem,
you are the hope of the world,
the song of the angels,
the treasure of our hearts,
and the glory of God among us.
Call us to worship you
in the places where your love is born anew:
wherever kindness prevails,
justice flourishes,
and peace reigns.
Send us out to serve you,
sharing good news of great joy,
and praising God through you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

Glory to you, God most high—
you have given us a Savior,
the Messiah, the Lord—
good news of great joy for all.
Make us messengers of the gospel
and shepherds of your people;
guide us always in paths of peace;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Luke 2:1-14

Holy God, all-glorious giver of grace,
you are light, shining in darkness;
you are life, the life of all people.
Fill us with the light and life of Christ,
through whom all things were made,
so that we may be faithful disciples,
bearing witness to your grace and truth;
through Christ, your Word made flesh.
John 1:1-14