

Prayers for celebrating the season of Christmas.

Holy Jesus,

by being born one of us,

and lying humbly in a manger,

you show how much God loves the world.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,

until we reach our home in heaven,

and see you on your throne of glory.

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,

your birth at Bethlehem

draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:

accept our heartfelt praise

as we worship you,

our Saviour and our eternal God.

Amen.

Loving Jesus,

you were born in a stable but worshipped by the angels.

Be with (N. and) all who are lonely,

and with all who feel distant from celebrations.

Be for us a living hope that lightens their hearts.

Amen.

Jesus, as you healed the sick,

bring healing to those in our families who are ill today.

Jesus, Lord of love,
in your mercy, hear us.

Christ born for us,

Son of God, given for us,

help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you.
Amen.

The kings, Lord,
brought myrrh, frankincense, and gold.
Lord, we have nothing of our own to bring;
we bring you what you have given:
our lives for your life.
Amen.

Jesus, Saviour, son of Mary,
you know us and love us,
you share our lives
and hear our prayer.
Glory to you for ever.
Amen.

May God, who has called us out of darkness
into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.
Amen.

A form of intercession:

Christ, for whom there was no room in the inn,
give courage to all who are homeless;
in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Christ, who fled into Egypt,

give comfort to all refugees;

in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Christ, who fasted in the desert,

give relief to all who are starving;

in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Christ, who hung in agony on the cross,

give strength to all who suffer;

in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Lord of the Church

hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

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