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Wonderful
Counselor,
Mighty
God,
Everlasting
Father,
Prince of
Peace.

Old Testament Prophecy

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one
who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is
from of old, from ancient days.



And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Micah 5:2, 4-5



For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us; authority rests
upon his shoulders and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his king-
dom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and forevermore. Isaiah 9:6-7

A shoot shall come out from the stock of
Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his
roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest
on him, the spirit of wisdom and under-
standing, the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of
the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of
the Lord. Isaiah 11:1-3



Two Christmas Prayers

From Apollo 8 to Earth

(The following prayer was shared by astronaut Frank Borman while orbiting the moon on the Apollo 8 mission, December 24, 1968)

Give us this Christmas, O God, the vision which can see Your love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace.



-- Frank Borman, Apollo 8 Space Mission, 1968

Immanuel

Meister Eckhart (1260-1327) once said: "What good is it that Christ was born years ago if he is not born now in your heart?"



"Lord, I believe in Christ. Help me believe that Christ dwells in me and those around me. I believe in the Kingdom of God in heaven. Help me believe in the Kingdom of God on earth. I believe that Christ lives. Help me believe that Christ lives in me.

"Lord, be born in my heart. Come alive in me this Christmas! "

Author Unknown

An Evening Prayer for Blessing During Advent

God of the watching ones – give me your blessing.

"Your Good Word For My Soul, That I Might Rest And Rise In The Kindness Of Your Company."

God of the watching ones – God of the waiting ones – give me your blessing.

"Your Good Word For My Soul, That I Might Rest And Rise In The Kindness Of Your Company."

God of the watching ones – God of the waiting ones – God of the suffering ones – give me your blessing.

"Your Good Word For My Soul, That I Might Rest And Rise In The Kindness Of Your Company."

God of the watching ones – God of the waiting ones – God of the suffering ones – God of the Child in the womb – give me your blessing.

"Your Good Word For My Soul, That I Might Rest And Rise In The Kindness Of Your Company."

From: Celtic Daily Prayer



Give Me
Your
Blessing



Living With Gratitude

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."



Gratitude With Living

"Gratitude is our most direct line to God and the angels. If we take the time, no matter how crazy and troubled we feel, we can find something to be thankful for. The more we seek gratitude, the more reason the angels will give us for gratitude and joy to exist in our lives."

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Pay attention to those words and phrases. They are God's word for *your life* today.

If you would like to contribute to this publication, please write or call Rev. Miller. The only requirement is that all submitted items be uplifting and convey some quality of the fruit of the Spirit as found in Galatians 5: 22-23.

Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees,
bless with your abundant grace
this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy.
May its evergreen branches be a sign
of your never-fading promises.
May its colorful lights and ornaments call us
to decorate with love our home and our world.
May the gifts that surround this tree
be symbols of the gifts we have received
from the Tree of Christ's Cross.
Holy Christmas tree within our home,
may Joy and Peace come and nest
in your branches and in our hearts. Amen.

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