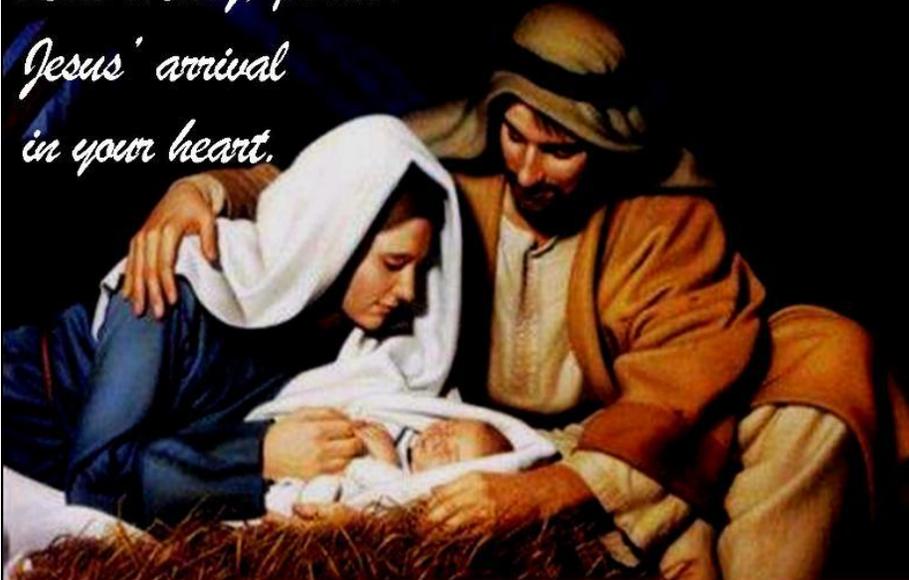


December Edition: Hope in Christ

*Like Mary, ponder
Jesus' arrival
in your heart.*



Merry Christmas

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace
to men on whom his favor rests.” Luke 2:14
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Christmas: It's not about outward conditions. It's about God's cure for our heart condition.

Weighed down by bad news? Countless people grieve with Newtown, CT families. Such an inexplicable evil inflicted on such innocents... Then, such a blessed holy day as Christmas approaches and all are supposed to adjust focus. So here's an article and a quick question and answer to begin that adjusted focus:

Quick Q & A:

*Q: How does a person celebrate
Christmas in a mess of emotions and pressures?*



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**prayer tip
of the week**

Pray with someone
in a worse situation
than yours. And
thank Jesus for
coming.

*A: Realize that Christmas is not
about outward conditions but
rather prompts a personal decision
to accept God's cure
for our heart condition.*

Jesus came to conquer evil and death! Celebrating Christ at Christmas frees us from false expectations of this world providing what we need. It reminds us how we cannot make Christmas. Only Jesus makes Christmas... *Christmas!* The world never serves up what we need. It's tough. But God sent Jesus to rescue us!

The manger reminds us that outward conditions do not give the joy of Christmas. Jesus gives the joy! Inviting Him inside your heart grants you a fresh start. Believe. Repent. Receive.

Welcome Jesus wherever you are, whoever you are, however you are... His presence makes Christmas and every day worth celebrating *because we celebrate Him, our Lord and Savior!* Then you, too, can join the shepherds who "...returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." (Luke 2:20)

When we celebrate Him, we're never disappointed. He's the only One who never changes. He always stays. He remains good. He remains God! And check out the job description for Jesus in Isaiah 61:1-3.

*"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me,
Because the Lord has anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;*

*To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
And the day of vengeance of our God;
To comfort all who mourn,*

*To console those who mourn in Zion,
To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,*

*The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."*

In this week's special Christmas edition, we include the simplest yet most spectacular message of all time: the Gospel! Come to God on His terms. You never know when will be the "last day" so learn more here about how to be sure you're saved: <http://www.prayingpals.org/knowgod.html>.

Have a blessed Christmas celebrating Jesus, our unconquerable King of kings and Lord of lords!

Merry Christmas!

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Take God's Word for it:

"To give knowledge of salvation to His people
By the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God,
With which the Dayspring from on high has visited [a] us;
To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace."-Luke 1:77-79

Let's pray:

"Heavenly Father, You are very, very awesome beyond compare! Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, who lived perfectly, took our capital punishment on the cross for our sins, and rose from the dead conquering sin and death. We worship You! We exalt Your Name this Christmas.

We place all prayer requests sent to PrayingPals.org into Your hands and ask for Your best for each request. We trust You with all of our concerns. We hand everything over now.

We pray for our leaders, our defenders of freedom, and all members of PrayingPals.org and beyond.

And, Lord, we pray for those in the midst of heartache. You alone know how to truly comfort hurting hearts. Your Word says that you bind up the wounds of the brokenhearted. We give You all

our wounds and ask You to make us new in You. We rely on You for salvation. We repent of sins (like forgetting to pay attention to You in our busy days near Christmas). We drop everything and run to You, O King! We exalt You! We love You! In Jesus' Name, Amen."

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