



# 12 PRAYERS *for* Christmas

**C**hristmas is a glorious time of year! God brings us face to face once again with His design for and redemption of mankind. His intentions toward us are for life lived abundantly. His plans for the kingdom are victorious!

But for many people, the holidays can be filled with unrealistic expectations. Old hurts are sometimes revisited and new ones inflicted. Hope can go deferred and result in heartsickness (Prov. 13:12). In the midst of the tinsel and lights and shopping, let's remember what the season is really about! Let's pray for a spirit of *all things Christmas* for ourselves and our loved ones.

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- 1. Love** – Lord, help us follow the way of love—let the love of Christ compel us (1 Cor. 14:1; 2 Cor. 5:14).
- 2. Joy** – Restore the joy of Your salvation to us; let us experience the joy of Your presence (Ps. 51:12, 16:11).
- 3. Peace** – Let Your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of You, Jesus—You are our peace (Col. 3:15; Phil. 4:7; Eph. 2:14).
- 4. Hope** – Enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the hope You called us to (Eph. 1:18).
- 5. Favor** – Let Your favor rest on us (Lk. 2:52).
- 6. Life** – Shine Your light of life on us; help us to walk in it (Job 33:30; Ps. 56:13).
- 7. Salvation** – Help us to fear You so we can unlock the treasure of Your salvation (Is. 33:6).
- 8. Selflessness** – Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth (Rom. 2:8).
- 9. Generosity** – Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised (2 Cor. 9:11).
- 10. Receiving** – Help us receive Your kingdom, Your Spirit, and Your grace (Dan. 7:18; Jn. 20:22; Rom. 5:17).
- 11. Seeking** – Encourage us to seek Your face with all our hearts (Dt. 4:29; Ps. 27:8).
- 12. Praise** – We ascribe glory to Your name, Lord; we come before You in worship for You are holy (1 Chron. 16:28-29).

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