

Christmas Prayer for the Morning

Led by parents with children at Jesus' crib

Everyone makes the sign of the cross: "In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

All: Amen.

Mother: Christ is born to us!

All: Come, let us adore Him.

Father: To the King of the Ages, immortal, invisible, the one only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God.

Father: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

All: And deliver us for Your Name's sake.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.

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Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil.

Father: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come to You.

Father: Let us pray. O Lord God Almighty, who has brought us to the beginning of this day, preserve us by your power, that during this day we may not fall into any sin, but that all our words, thoughts and work may be directed to doing your holy will. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is born among us.

All: Amen.

Mother: This day Christ is born, this day the Savior has appeared. This day Angels are singing on earth, Archangels are rejoicing. This day the just are glad and say:

All: Glory to God in the highest!

Hail Mary, full of grace, etc.

Christmas Prayer for the Evening

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Mother: May the Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. All: Amen.

Father: Be sober, be watchful! For your enemy the devil goes about as a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith. All: Thanks be to God.

Father: Our help is in the Name of the Lord. All: Who made heaven and earth.

Any Christmas carol such as *Silent Night* or *O Come all ye faithful* may be sung at this time.

Father: Protect us, Lord, while we are awake. Safeguard us while we sleep, that we may keep watch with Christ and rest in His peace.

Mother: Sing to the Lord a new song, all you lands.

All: Bless His Name! Announce His salvation, day after day.

Mother: Tell His glory among the nations, among the people His wondrous deeds.

All: For great is the Lord, highly to be praised. Awesome is He!

Mother: Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise, give to the Lord the glory due His name!

All: Bring gifts and enter His courts, worship the Lord in holy attire.

Mother: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice, let the sea and what fills it resound, let the plains and all in them be joyful!

All: Then shall the trees of the forest exult before the Lord, for He comes to rule the earth.

Mother: He shall rule the world with justice, and His constancy.

All: Protect us, Lord, while we are awake. Safeguard us while we sleep, that we may keep watch with Christ and rest in His peace.

Father: Let us pray. Visit this home, we beseech Thee, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy Angels dwell herein who may keep us in peace, and let Thy blessing be always upon us. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. All: Amen.

Father: May the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, keep us forever. All: Amen.