

# *A Celebration of Peace*

## Christmas Prayer Service

**LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** My saving power will rise on you like the sun and bring healing like the sun's rays. (From Malachi 4:2)

**RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** My Jesus, our Savior, has come into our world like a brilliant sunrise, changing darkness into light, bringing healing love and peace into our lives. Think about the changes Jesus has brought into your life.

**A CHRISTMAS DAWN MEDITATION** Imagine yourself looking out your window at dawn. Picture the sun rising slowly above the horizon. See your surroundings brighten and colors change as the sun rises higher and higher in the morning sky. Feel the warmth of the sun's rays streaming through your window.

When Jesus, our Savior, was born, the angels sang in praise of God: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:14)

Think about changes you would like to see in the world. Bring your hopes and dreams to Jesus in prayer.

Jesus, our Savior, this is what I wish for the people of the world:

- For my family, I wish . . .
- For my friends, I wish . . .
- For my community, I wish . . .
- For people all over the world, I wish . . .

As you welcome Jesus, our Savior, picture the sun rising over a dark and sleeping world. Sing in your heart a Christmas song about peace on Earth.