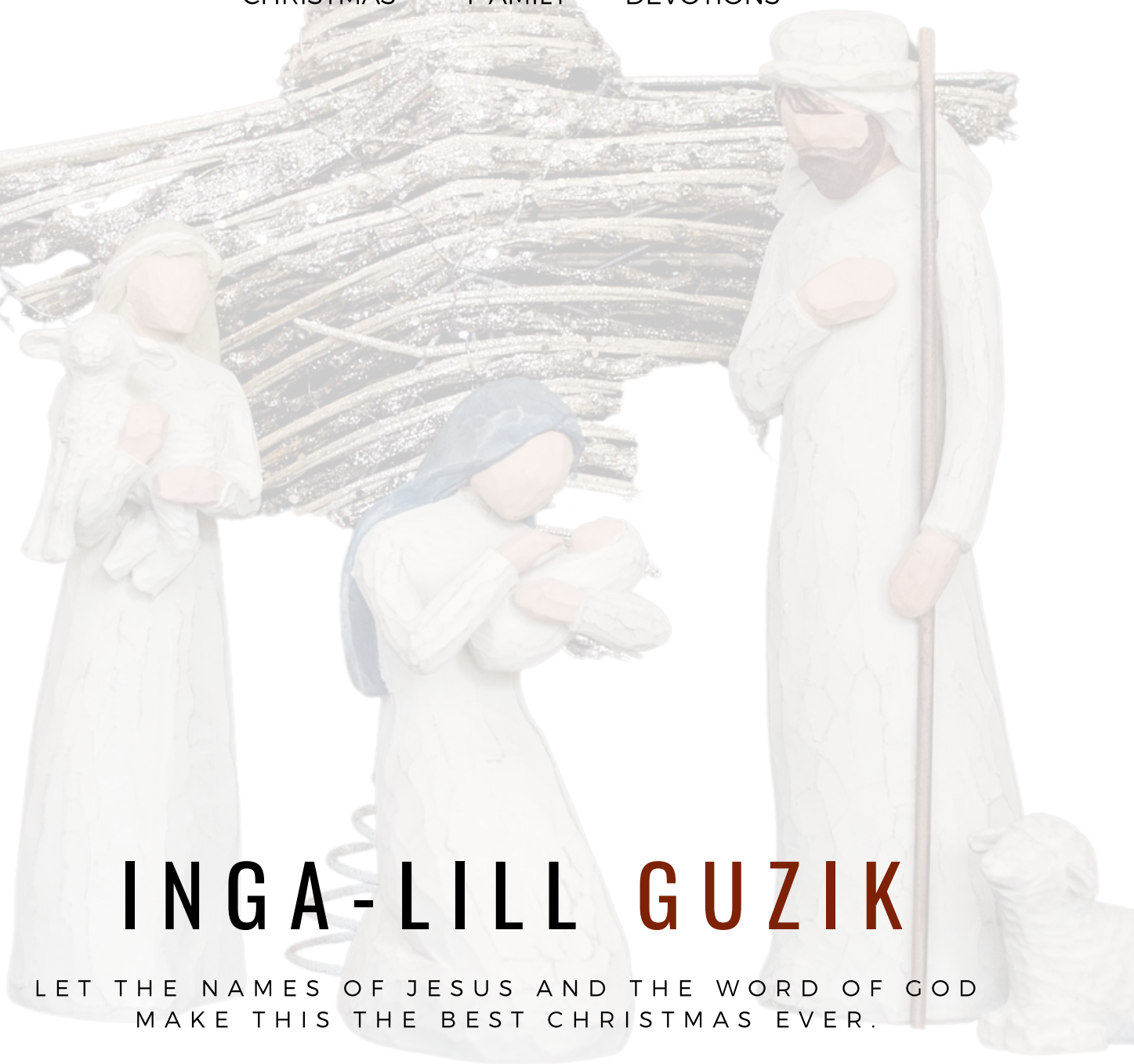


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LET THE NAMES OF JESUS AND THE WORD OF GOD
MAKE THIS THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER.



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COUNTDOWN TO THE

BEST CHRISTMAS EVER

Discover the power, provision,
and promises of Jesus
one name at a time.

December

13th	Star/Morning Star
14th	Rock
15th	Lamb of God
16th	Son of God
17th	Truth
18th	Light
19th	Bread
20th	Living Water
21st	True Vine
22nd	Good Shepherd
23rd	Prince of Peace
24th	Ruler/King
25th	Alpha & Omega

GOD HAS GIVEN NO OTHER NAME
UNDER HEAVEN BY WHICH WE MUST BE
SAVED. ACTS 4:12

“For a child is
born to us,

a son is given to us.
The government
will rest on His
shoulders. And He
will be called:
Wonderful
Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of
Peace. His
government and its
peace will never
end. He will rule
with fairness and
justice from the
throne of His
ancestor David for
all eternity. The
passionate
commitment of
the Lord of
Heaven's Armies
will make this
happen!”

—Isaiah 9:6-7



Greetings, dear friend

This book is designed to enhance your celebration of the Christmas message. It's to be used with 13 Christmas ornaments of your choosing.

You can make these ornaments yourself or with your children. Be creative and design them however you want. Just be sure to follow the order of Jesus's names in this book. Each name builds upon the previous one to help your family understand who Jesus is from prophecy to present.

From December 13th to the 25th, hang the next ornament on your Christmas tree, read the supporting Scripture, discuss what this name of Jesus means to you, and close in prayer.



The closer you get to December 25th, the more you'll understand about the love, purpose, and care God has for His children.

My prayer is for Christ to be the center of your hearts and home this Christmas. May you have a glorious time celebrating and honoring the God who sent His only begotten Son because of His great love for you. Let each day bring an increased awareness and awe of your wonderful Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Look forward to Christmas and remember that God became flesh and lived among us. Today He lives in us by the Holy Spirit, and one day soon He will return.



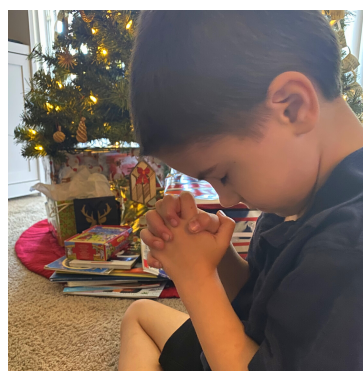
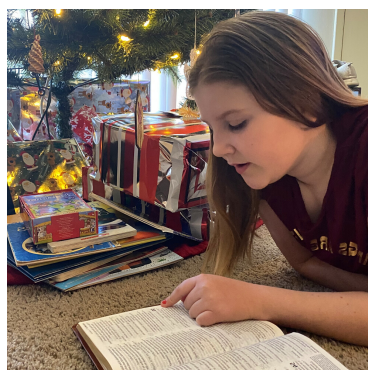
To prepare your heart for Christmas, begin by reading the Bible verses about Jesus Christ out loud. All Scripture is taken from the New Living Translation.

Hold the ornament for the day, and read aloud the Scripture reference from the Bible or this book. Have older children take turns reading and look for the name in the Scripture that the ornament displays.

Hang the ornament on the tree in a place where the name can be seen. Talk about what that name of Jesus means in your life today or how or how focusing more on it can help you in life.



Close each time with your own prayer focusing on the name or use the prayer in this book or both. Continue daily until December 25th. On that day, you might want to see how many of the names each person remembers by heart.



Jesus

Though He was God, He did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, He gave up His divine privileges; He took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When He appeared in human form, He humbled Himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated Him to the place of highest honor and gave Him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:6-11





Numbers 24:17a

I see Him, but not here and now. I perceive Him, but far in the distant future. A **Star** will rise from Jacob; a scepter will emerge from Israel.

Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright **morning star.**”



Thank you, God, for the plan You had from the very beginning of time to send us Your Son, Jesus. The sign of His coming would be a star, but He would be the brightest star of them all. You sent Him to us to shine upon the world and into our lives with grace, love, peace, and hope. May every star we see at night remind us of You being the grandest Star of all. Please bless this season for our family and for those whom we love. Amen.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now,
let’s settle
this,” says
the Lord.
Though
your sins
are like
scarlet, I
will make
them
as white as
snow.”
—God





Deuteronomy 32:4

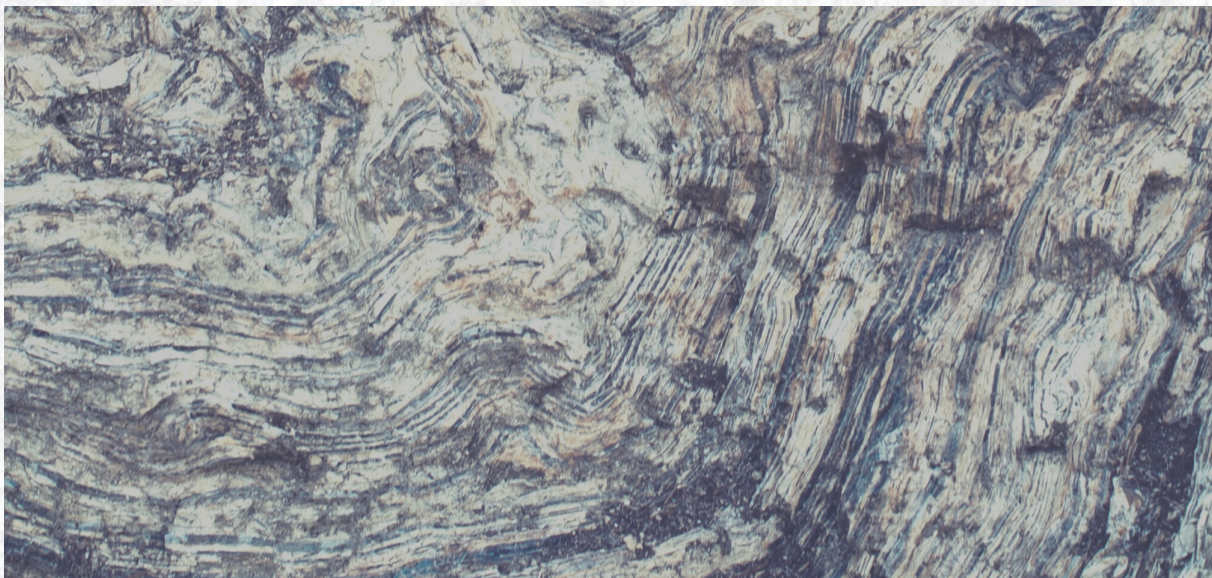
He is the **Rock**; His deeds are perfect. Everything He does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is!

1 Corinthians 10:1-4

I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same spiritual food, and all of them drank the same spiritual water. For they drank from the spiritual **rock** that traveled with them, and that **rock** was Christ.



Dear Lord, we know that You're not a "rock," but what being a rock symbolizes. Jesus, You are steadfast and solid. You're always dependable. You never change. You are the Rock I'm holding onto, and You are the Rock I'm trusting to meet all my needs. Every day You provide and take care of everything that concerns me. Jesus, transform me into Your image, so I will not be moved or shaken. Please bless our family today and every day as we prepare for Your birthday. Amen.





It is
FINISHED

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life.
No one can come to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6



John 1:29-36

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world! He is the one I was talking about when I said, 'A man is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for He existed long before me.' I did not recognize Him as the Messiah, but I have been baptizing with water so that He might be revealed to Israel."

Then John testified, "I saw the Holy Spirit descending like a dove from heaven and resting upon Him. I didn't know He was the one, but when God sent me to baptize with water, He told me, 'The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that He is the Chosen One of God." The following day John was again standing with two of his disciples. As Jesus walked by, John looked at Him and declared, Look! There is the **Lamb of God!**"



Dear Lord, You planned before the beginning of time to be the sacrifice for my sin. You chose to take my place and do what I could not do for myself. How grateful I am! It gives me hope and keeps me strong knowing that my sins have been paid for. I have been redeemed. Jesus, You willingly gave Yourself for me. Please help me be willing to live for You, even sacrificially. Your grace and mercy are part of my testimony. Please help me show grace and mercy in this season to those around me. Amen.



Matthew 18:10

"Beware that you don't look down on any of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels are always in the presence of My heavenly Father." —Jesus



John 5:13

I have written this to you who believe in the name of the **Son of God**, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Galatians 2:20

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the **Son of God**, who loved me and gave Himself for me.



Dear God, Your Son makes all the difference in my life. Please help me learn how to please Him with my whole life. Today I want to live the crucified life, and living by faith in You is my primary goal. Help me to do what I know is right and trust You with the outcome. Jesus, I believe that You are the Son of God, and You delight in my obedience to You. Thank You for loving me first. May others see my love for You this Christmas. Amen.



John 17:17

Make them holy by Your **truth**; teach them Your word, which is **truth**.

2 Corinthians 13:8

For we cannot oppose the **truth**, but must always stand for the **truth**.

John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the **truth**, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me."



Dear Jesus, may the truth about who You are and Your love for the world be known this Christmas season. Let my words be filled with truth about who You are and all You've done in my life. Let my mind and heart be filled with Your Word, and please give me courage to share the truth in love. Help me show the true meaning of Christmas to everyone in the way I live the truth daily. Jesus, Your Word is truth to me. Let it shine brightly for all to see and hear. Bless and help all those who are suffering for the truth throughout the world. Make me willing to pay the price of standing with them in truth. Amen.



THANKFUL

The light

SHINES IN THE DARKNESS
AND THE DARKNESS CAN
NEVER
EXTINGUISH IT.

JOHN 1:5

LUKE 8:16

MATT. 5:15





John 8:12

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the **Light** of the world. If you follow Me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the **light** that leads to life."

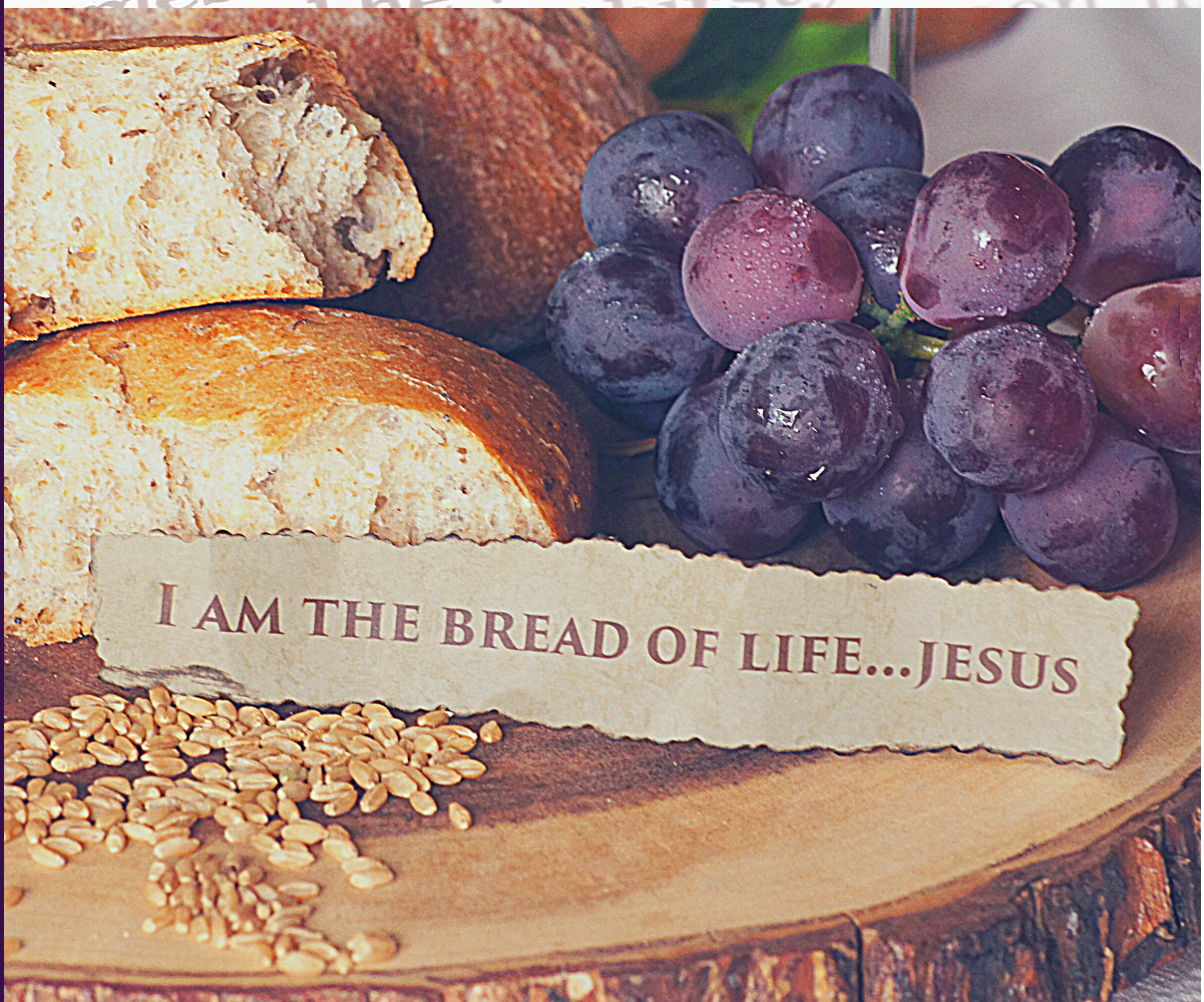
Luke 1:78-79

Because of God's tender mercy, the morning **light** from heaven is about to break upon us, to give **light** to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.



Dear God, we want to follow where You lead us. When we see the lights all round us during this month of December, we are reminded that You are the Light. You shine brighter than the brightest light we can imagine. We want our friends and loved ones to turn to Your light and be set free from the darkness of their lives. Lord, help us reflect on Your light in this dark world. Help us not to hide our light under a basket, but set it high so everyone can see You. Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world. Shine brightly from our lives this season. Amen.

34 "Sir," they said, "from now
on give us this bread."
35 Then Jesus declared, "I am
the bread of life. He who
comes to me will never go hun-
gry. He who believes in me
will never be thirsty." 36 But a



**John 6:33-35**

The true **bread** of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. “Sir,” they said, “give us that **bread** every day.” Jesus replied, “I am the **bread** of life. Whoever comes to Me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty.”



Lord, we are forever indebted to You for Your constant provision. You keep all Your promises and meet all our needs. It's a great comfort knowing that if we have You, we have everything we need. You, Jesus, were sent from heaven to fill us with life —Your life— a life that is worth living because it is of You, through You, and for You. We live satisfied in You, because You are the Bread that we need. Help us to never complain when we think we lack. Please bless our giving and receiving at Christmas, although we are truly blessed all year round. Amen.

GOD

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L O V E

1 John 4:8



John 4:10

Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask Me, and I would give you **living water**.”

John 7:37-38

On the last day, the climax of the festival, Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to Me! Anyone who believes in Me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of **living water** will flow from his heart.’”



O God, we know how important water is to our bodies and the Holy Spirit is to our spiritual lives. Without those “rivers of water” flowing in our lives, we would be dry and lifeless like a desert. You have washed us clean and filled us with the Living Water. Jesus, we thirst for You daily because we need You daily. We believe that You will supply our thirst with Yourself when we come humbly to seek and receive more of You. Bless us today and sustain us as we drink continuously from Your unending resource of fresh, living water. Amen.

Psalm 139

O Lord, You have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do. You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand!

I can never escape from Your Spirit! I can never get away from Your presence! If I go up to heaven, You are there; if I go down to the grave, You are there. If I ride the wings of the morning, if I dwell by the farthest oceans, even there Your hand will guide me, and Your strength will support me. I could ask the darkness to hide me and the light around me to become night—but even in darkness I cannot hide from You. To You the night shines as bright as day. Darkness and light are the same to You.

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.

You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in Your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.

How precious are Your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, You are still with me!



**John 15:1-5**

"I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and He prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me. "Yes, I am the **vine**; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing."



Heavenly Father, our vinedresser, the One who knows us and cares for us. You are the life-giving strength we need to survive in this world. You alone supply us daily with the nourishment we need to grow and bear fruit. Dear God, keep us close to Yourself. Keep us so close that if we were removed from You, we would wither and die from lack of spiritual strength and courage. You have endless supplies from which we draw. Please increase and bless the fruit that comes from our lives. Let it remain for all eternity for Your glory. Amen.



Jeremiah 29:11-13



"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me." —God



**John 10:11-15**

“I am the **good Shepherd**. The **good Shepherd** sacrifices His life for the sheep. A hired hand will run when he sees a wolf coming. He will abandon the sheep because they don't belong to him and he isn't their shepherd. And so the wolf attacks them and scatters the flock. The hired hand runs away because he's working only for the money and doesn't really care about the sheep. “I am the **good Shepherd**; I know my own sheep, and they know Me, just as my Father knows Me and I know the Father. So I sacrifice My life for the sheep.”



Jesus, as one of Your sheep, I am perfectly safe and secure with You as my Shepherd. You know everything about me and still love and care for me daily. I can be calm during the day and rest at night, because I know that wherever we go, stay, or lay down is ordained by You. Heaven opened up to a group of shepherds at Your birth; now heaven is forever open for the sheep of Your pasture. There are many shepherds but only one GOOD SHEPHERD. And that is You! Jesus, I want to know You better as my Shepherd. Please help me follow where You lead. Amen.

“I am
leaving you
with a gift—
peace of
mind and
heart. And
the peace I
give is a
gift the
world
cannot
give. So
don't be
troubled or
afraid.”

—Jesus



John 14:27



Isaiah 9:6-7

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of His ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!



LORD GOD, only You can have such wonderful names because You are wonderful. You are all that those names represent and much more. Jesus, this world needs peace, but not just any kind of peace. It needs Your peace – perfect peace that passes understanding. Jesus, You are my peace, and You supply it when I need it. I experience Your peace when I choose to focus more on You and less on me. Let Your perfect peace rule in my heart this Christmas. Let everyone that I meet see that the peace in me is You. Amen.

**Matthew 2:1-6**

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn **King** of the Jews? We saw His star as it rose, and we have come to worship Him." King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote: 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a **Ruler** will come from you who will be the shepherd for My people Israel.'"

John 19:19

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, Pilate, the governor of Rome posted a sign over Him that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the **King** of the Jews."



Jesus, You were born as a baby, so I could be born again. This happened when I recognized You as the King of kings and Lord of lords. Jesus, I honor You as the King and Ruler of my life today. May Your kingdom come quickly and fill the earth with Your glory. Until then, may You rule with sovereign power and authority in my life. Amen.





Our first ornament was a STAR. This last ornament was a KING. Jesus is the Star and the King that was foretold in the Old Testament and fulfilled in the New Testament.

Now, to end with . . .

Christmas is Coming

**Revelation 1:8**

"I am the **Alpha and the Omega**—the beginning and the end," says the Lord God. "I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One."

Revelation 22:13

"I am the **Alpha and the Omega**, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."



O God, the day is here when we remember Your great gift to us, Your one and only Son Jesus. No gift will ever compare to that of Your Son. He is the ultimate gift and Your ultimate cost. We receive this gift in humility and we're full of gratitude. Without this gift, we have nothing. Dear Jesus, thank You for loving us first. Today we choose to love You back. May this Christmas mark a reignited love for You and others. Amen.

Jesus will come back very soon. Be ready!



"For at just the right time Christ will be revealed from heaven by the blessed and only almighty God, the King of all kings and Lord of all lords. He alone can never die, and He lives in light so brilliant that no human can approach Him. No human eye has ever seen Him, nor ever will. All honor and power to Him forever! Amen." (1 Timothy 6:15-16)

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Jesus

Star/Morning Star

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Lamb of God

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*"Yes, I AM
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AMEN!
COME, LORD JESUS!

Maranatha!

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