

Lord, by the song of the angels
you disclosed your birth to
your own people,
and by the leading of a star
you revealed your glory to strangers.
Teach us to know you now,
and to make you known to all. Amen.

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A prayer for your Christmas Tree:

Lord our God,

we praise you for creation's light:
for the high sun rising in the sky
and warming the earth,
and the moon and stars that
brighten the darkest night.

We praise you for Jesus Christ your Son:

the Light of the World,
who warms our hearts and
illuminates our minds

and fills us with the wonder of your love.

Let your blessing come upon us
as we light up this tree.

May its glimmering light and
warming cheer be a sign
of the joy that fills our hearts.

May all who delight in this tree
come to the knowledge of
joy and salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Jesus, new-born child of all time,
we greet your birth with
wide-eyed delight.
You are precious beyond words
for our world needs your presence
more than ever.
Let the angels' promise of
your good news
offering joy and peace to all the world
be heard by those who lead and guide.
Let kings bow down and all creation
greet this holy moment
as we seek to grasp its magnitude.
For you are God's gift
silently delivered to every human heart.

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Lord God, you bless the world
with the gift of your Son,
who fills the world with light and life.
As we rejoice in the mystery of his birth,
may the song of angels and
the worship of the shepherds,
the love of Mary and
the dedication of Joseph,
bring us closer to the knowledge
of our Saviour's love
and help us discern his presence
in our lives,
for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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TOGETHER WE SERVE GOD, CREATION & COMMUNITY

God our Father,
the compassion and love you have
for the whole human race
is now revealed through the birth of
your Son in Bethlehem.
As heaven and earth are united in song
may the message received by
lowly shepherds
raise our hopes to heaven,
that we may look forward
to the fullness of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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As we look into the face of
the Babe of Bethlehem,
the face of Defenceless love,
in your mercy look upon
your troubled world:
fear and violence,
homelessness and pollution,
grief and anxiety stalk it.
Move the hearts of governments
and peoples
to use your gifts of wealth and skill
to build your kingdom of love,
where we shall live free from cruelty,
neglect and fear,
free to look into the face of
every person with welcome.
You are among us, Lord, as you were
in the homeless babe in the stable.
As we come face to face
with eternal Goodness,
may the human spirit be renewed.

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God of creation, shaper of seas and stars
of planets and of people
God is here with us.

God, born in Bethlehem,
gurgling, crying, laid in a manger
God is here with us.

God, breath of the universe
flickering, dancing in the candle flame
God is here with us.

God, Immanuel, amongst us, within us
we bring ourselves and our dreams
for we want to be here with you.

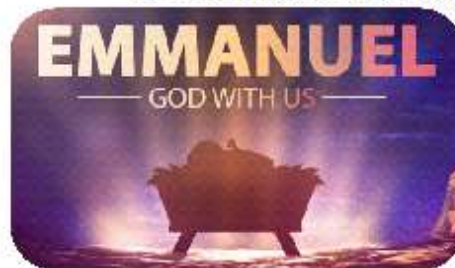
Mysterious God,
confounding our expectations
meeting us where we least expect
to find you
stay with us now.

Child of the manger, healing our pain
sharing our weakness
stay with us now.

Source of life
birth of God within our own experience
stay with us now.

Stay with us in our frailty
stay with us on our journey
walk beside us, live within us
lead us to glory, lead us home.

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Jesus, light of the world,
let your bright star stand over the place
where the poor have to live;
lead our sages to wisdom
and our rulers to reverence.
Hear this prayer for your love's sake.

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Purify our lives like gold
that we may be royal priests to you.

Sanctify our hearts like incense
that we may be adorers of your presence.

Beautify our hearts like myrrh
that we may be your fragrance on earth.

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A prayer for new year:

God of the years,
at the gate of the year
we put our hands in yours.
As the old tide recedes,
may we plant your footsteps in the sands.
May we travel with less baggage
and more wisdom,
and learn from you how our
journey should be.

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