

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Luke 1:46-55

Mary's Song

Heavenly Father,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

God, I thank You for the gift of Jesus. As we anticipate the celebration of His birth, help me to remember Your love and faithfulness. Remind me Lord how You always keep Your promises on Your perfect timeline. Help me to reflect on Your mercy and grace and fill my heart with joy and gratitude. Help me to recognize the ways You have worked in my life. I rejoice in the Mighty One – who has done great things – Holy is His name, now and forever. Amen.

Genesis 1:1 / 31

Creation

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe. I am in awe of You, and I marvel at Your creation. In the beginning, You spoke the universe into existence, and everything You made is good. Thank You for the beauty that surrounds me: the changing weather, the sunset on the horizon, the stars in the night sky. Help me to appreciate the goodness of Your gifts in my life. Remind me that each moment is an opportunity to see Your handiwork and to embrace Your blessings. In a world that can often feel chaotic, help me to find peace in the knowledge that You are the Creator and You are good every second of every day. Amen.

John 1:1-5

The Word

Jesus, the Word of God, who was with God in the beginning, You are my source of life and my light. You brought all things into being, including the depths of my heart. Shine Your light into every corner of my life, especially where doubt and fear reside. Let Your light be my strength, reminding me that darkness can never overcome You. Fill me with Your presence today, that I may live in Your truth and share Your light with others.

Help me trust in Your constant love and walk faithfully in Your ways, rooted in the hope only You can give. Amen.

Genesis 1:26-27

Humanity

Creator God, You formed me in Your image, a reflection of Your love. I thank You for the honor and gift of bearing Your likeness. Help me to see myself as You see me – treasured and loved. Help me to live in a way that reflects Your goodness, treating others with the dignity and respect they deserve as fellow imagebearers of You.

Help me to know and believe that I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Let my life bring You glory. Amen.

Genesis 3:6-15

Fallen Humanity

Holy and Merciful God, I come before You, aware of my sinfulness. Just as Adam and Eve hid from you, I confess the areas of my life that I hide from you. Like them, I am tempted by things that seem pleasing but lead me away from You. Forgive me for the times I have given in to sin, choosing my own way over Yours. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised redemption even in our brokenness.

Thank You for seeking me, for loving me, and for offering me grace. Thank You for taking away my rags and clothing me in Your righteousness. Even your angels look upon what you've done for humanity with awe. Help me to trust in Your salvation and walk closely with You, redeemed and restored by Your love, through your Son – Jesus. Amen.

Genesis 12:1-3

The Promise to Abraham

Faithful God, You called Abraham to leave all he knew and trust You with his future. Teach me to have that same faith and courage, to step out of my comfort zone and follow wherever You lead. When I face uncertainty or fear, remind me that Your promises are steadfast, that You bless and guide those who trust in You. Help me to be a blessing to others, reflecting Your love and compassion in all I do. Thank You for inviting me into Your plan and for walking with me each step of the way.

2 Samuel 7:12-13

A Forever Kingdom

Sovereign God and King, You promised David a Kingdom beyond his lifetime. I trust that You have inaugurated that Kingdom in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ and trust in the expansion of that Kingdom today and forevermore. Help me to trust in Your timing and purpose, even when I cannot see the full picture. Guide my steps today, that I may be part of Your Kingdom here on Earth, as it is in Heaven. Show me how to reflect Your love, mercy, and glory. May my life honor You and help to make Your Kingdom known.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Luke 1:68-79

Zechariah's Song

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because He has come to His people and redeemed them. You fulfill Your promises and show mercy to Your people. You have raised up a Savior, just like You promised. He is the Light of the World who guides us from the darkness and leads us in peace. Thank You for the gift of salvation, for forgiving our sins and delivering us from fear. Help me walk to in Your light, reflecting You in all I do. May my life be a witness to Your greatness and mercy.

Amen.

Isaiah 9:2

People in Darkness Have Seen Light

Lord, You are the light that shines in our darkness. In times of despair, when hope seems distant, we turn to You, knowing that You will guide us. I ask for Your presence to bring peace to my heart and clarity to my paths. Help me to reflect Your light in my life, offering hope to those in darkness. As You have brought us into your marvelous light, help me to walk as a child of the light, sharing Your love and truth with the world. Amen.

John 1:9-13

True Light

God, our Light and Life. Thank You for sending Your Son into the world. Give me eyes to see Him, ears to hear Him and open my heart to receive Him fully, setting aside anything that distracts me from His presence.

I am grateful for the gift of becoming Your child—not through my own striving, but by Your grace. Help me to live in the truth of this identity, rooted in Your love. Use me, Lord, to share the joy of Your salvation so that others may come to know You and become children of God. Amen.

Genesis 1:26-27

The Sun of Righteousness

Jesus, You are the Sun of Righteousness, rising with healing in Your wings. Thank You for the promise of spiritual healing that You bring to those who revere You. When I feel weary or burdened, remind me of Your light that shines even in the darkest times, bringing warmth, comfort, and restoration to my soul. In You, my every need is met. Help me to live in the joy and freedom of Your presence. Amen.

Matthew 1:18-21

Joseph & Jesus

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of Your Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to save us. Like Joseph, help me to respond with faith and courage when Your plans seem beyond my understanding. May I trust in Your purpose and find peace in Your presence. Lead me to share the good news of Jesus, our Savior, who came to free us from sin and to bring us into a restored relationship with You. Amen.

Isaiah 7:14 / Matthew 1:22-23

Immanuel - God With Us

Lord God, thank You for fulfilling Your promise to be with us, sending Jesus,
Immanuel – God with us. In the miracle of Christ's birth, You showed that You are not distant, but You have come close – to be deeply present in our lives. Help me to hold onto this truth, especially when I feel alone or uncertain. May my heart be filled with awe and gratitude for Your love which came down to dwell with us. Amen.

John 1:14

Dwelling Among Us

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, You came and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. I stand in awe that You chose to enter our lowly world, to walk with us, and to show us the face of God. Your grace meets me in my weakness and Your truth guides me in love. Help me to see Your glory in the everyday, to remember that You are present in every moment. May my heart be open to receive Your love, and may I reflect Your grace and truth to others. Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Luke 2:8-14

Angels' Song

Heavenly Father, glory be to You in the highest! Thank You for the good news announced to the shepherds. You sent Your Son into our world, bringing salvation and peace to all who receive Him. Thank You for this incredible gift, a love that reaches beyond our understanding. Fill my heart with the peace proclaimed by the angels, a peace that endures through all circumstances. May the good news of Christ's birth fill me with hope and gratitude. Help me to live in a way that reflects Your glory, sharing Your love and peace with others. Amen.

Luke 2:1-7

The Birth of Jesus

Lord, I am humbled by the simplicity and wonder of Your Son's birth in a small town and in a lowly manger. God, thank You for choosing to step into our world in humility and love. Help me to make room in my heart for Jesus each day, setting aside distractions and pride. May I recognize the beauty in small, quiet moments where You are present. Teach me to emulate Your humility and to see Your glory in unexpected places. Thank You for coming near, to be with us. Be with me today.

Amen.

Micah 5:2

Bethlehem

Lord, You promised that from Bethlehem would come a ruler, one whose origins are from ancient times. Thank You for fulfilling this prophecy through the birth of Jesus, our Savior and King. In the quiet and humble beginnings of Bethlehem, You revealed Your greatness. Help me to remember that Your ways are not our ways and that You often work in the small and unexpected places. Make my heart open to Your rule and help me to trust in You more and more. Amen.

Luke 2:16-18/20

The Shepherds

Lord, just as the shepherds eagerly sought You and found You in the manger, help me to seek You with the same urgency and joy during this Christmas season. May I approach You with wonder and awe, recognizing the Savior who has come to seek and to save. God, thank You for the gift of Jesus. Like the shepherds, may I be moved to share the good news of Your birth with others, spreading the Good News that You were born to bring. Just as the shepherds returned glorifying and praising You, may my life be a testimony of Your grace and glory.

Amen.

Luke 2:19

Mary's Heart

- Lord, make me like Mary. Help me to ponder You and treasure you in my heart.
 - Help me to pause in the busyness of life and reflect on Your presence and grace.
- Help me to prepare my heart, especially during this Christmas season, to meditate on Your love and Your purpose in my life. Teach me to treasure Your words and promises, holding them close in my heart. Amen.

Matthew 2:1-2

The Magi

God in Heaven, like the wise men who followed the star to find the newborn King, guide me to seek You with the same dedication and longing. May my heart be attuned to Your leading, seeking Your presence above all else. Just as they rejoiced with great joy upon finding You, help my heart be filled with the same joy. God, I want to worship You fully, offering my gifts, my heart, and my life. Thank You for drawing near to us and allowing us to draw near to You. Amen.

Matthew 2:9-11

The Gifts

Heavenly Father, thank You for example of these wise men, who were resolute in seeking Jesus and finding Him. Thank You that I have also been guided to seek Him and worship at His feet. Thank You for the sacrifice of His perfect life in payment for my sins. I do not have wonderful gifts to offer, but in humility and gratitude, I offer my life as an offering to my Savior. I pray that I will have an opportunity to bear the good news of salvation to others. Amen.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Luke 2:25-35

Simeon's Song

Sovereign Lord, like Simeon, I long to see
Your salvation and to know Your presence
in my life. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, a
light for revelation and the hope of all people.
Open my eyes to see Your work around me and
give me the same patience You gave to Simeon
to wait for Your promises, trusting that You
are faithful. Help me embrace Your light in
my life, knowing that You bring peace and
salvation. Amen.

Galatians 4:4-5

Adoption

Heavenly Father, thank You for sending Your Son at just the right time, born under the law to redeem us. In Your perfect plan, You reached down to adopt us as Your beloved children. Help me to live in the joy and assurance of this incredible gift, knowing that, in Christ, I am fully accepted and loved by You. Nothing can pluck me from Your mighty hand. Help me to live as your child and share the hope of my adoption, so that others might become Your children as well. Amen.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Unto Us a Child Is Born

Mighty God, today – on Christmas Eve – I thank You for the gift of Your Son, born to us as a child, yet the Prince of Peace and our everlasting Savior. In Jesus, we know that Your Kingdom and Your government of justice and righteousness will have no end.

Remind me that Christ reigns as Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, and Everlasting Father in my life and in the world. May You rule in my heart today and forever. Thank You again for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. In His name I pray. Amen.

John 3:16-17

For God So Loved the World...

Gracious God, thank You for Your incredible love, shown by giving us Your only begotten Son. I am humbled and grateful that You came not to condemn, but to save. Help me to grasp the depth of Your love and live in response to that truth, trusting in the gift of eternal life You freely offer. When I feel unworthy, remind me that Your love is unconditional, and that Jesus came to bring me hope and redemption. Empower me to share this love with others, reflecting Your grace and compassion in a world desperately in need of You. Today, Christmas Day, I celebrate and remember the birth of Jesus as the greatest gift I ever dared imagine I would receive. In His name I pray. Amen.

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PEOPLE TO PRAY FOR

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