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The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep
darkness,
on them has light shone.

Isaiah 9:2

Think on this:

The prophecy of light coming into darkness reminds us of Christ's hope in our lives. He is the light of the world.

Prayer Time:

Spend a few moments thanking God for the light of Christ.



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 1:26-38

And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

Luke 1:26-38

Think on this:

Mary's willingness to serve God can inspire us to say “yes” when God calls us. What is God calling you to?

Prayer Time:

Ask God to help you recognize and respond to His call in your life.

3



Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

Matthew 1:18-25

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”
(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke
from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord
commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her
not until she had given birth to a son. And he
called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:18-25

Think on this:

Joseph's obedience teaches us about trusting God even in
challenging circumstances. We can be confident in
knowing that He is faithful.

Prayer Time:

Pray for courage to follow God's will in your life.

4



Therefore the Lord himself will
give you a sign. Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and bear a son, and
shall call his name Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

Think on this:

The promise of Emmanuel (God with us)
brings comfort and reassurance. Finally the
Messiah has come.

Prayer Time:

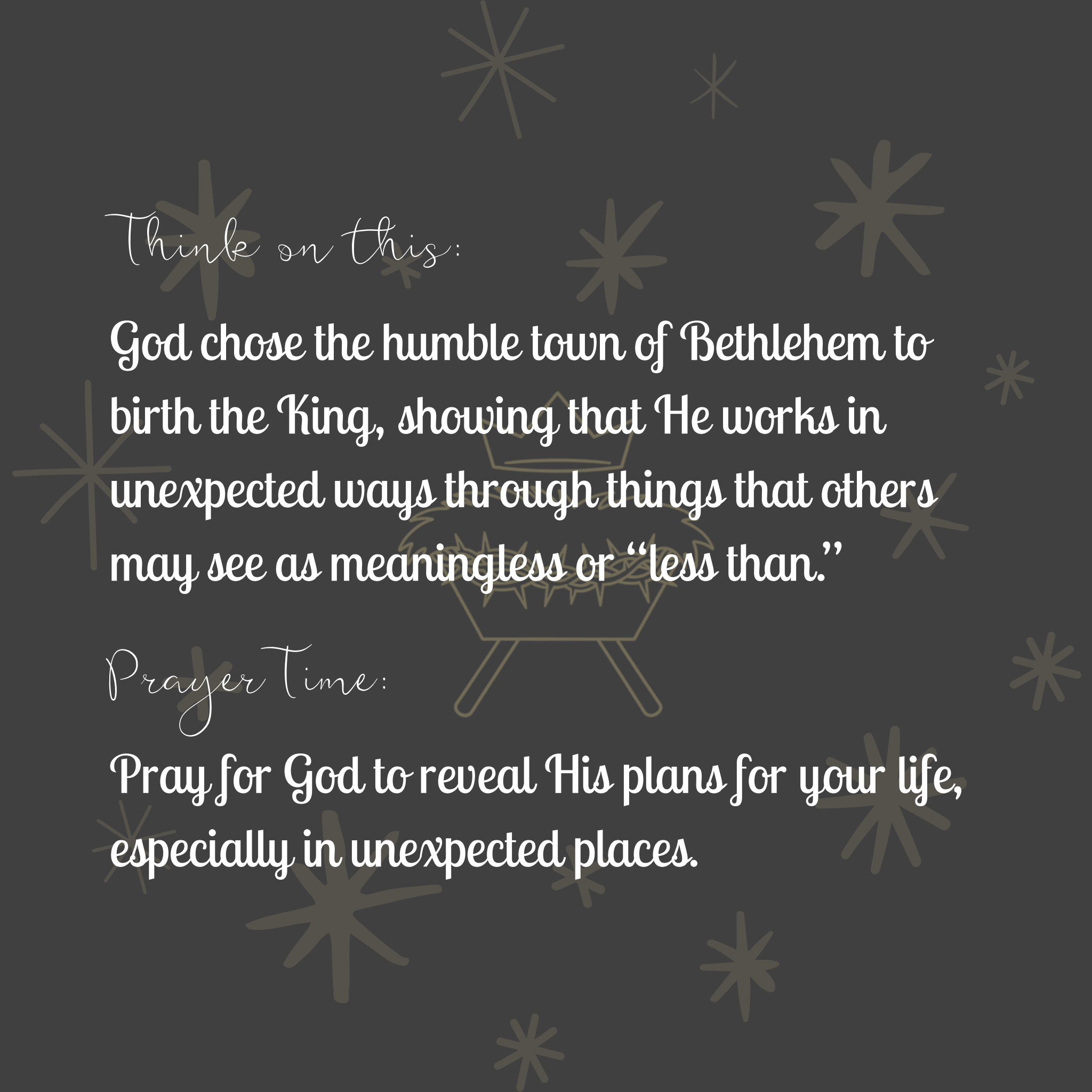
Spend time in thanksgiving for God's presence
in your life.

5



But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Micah 5:2



Think on this:

God chose the humble town of Bethlehem to birth the King, showing that He works in unexpected ways through things that others may see as meaningless or “less than.”

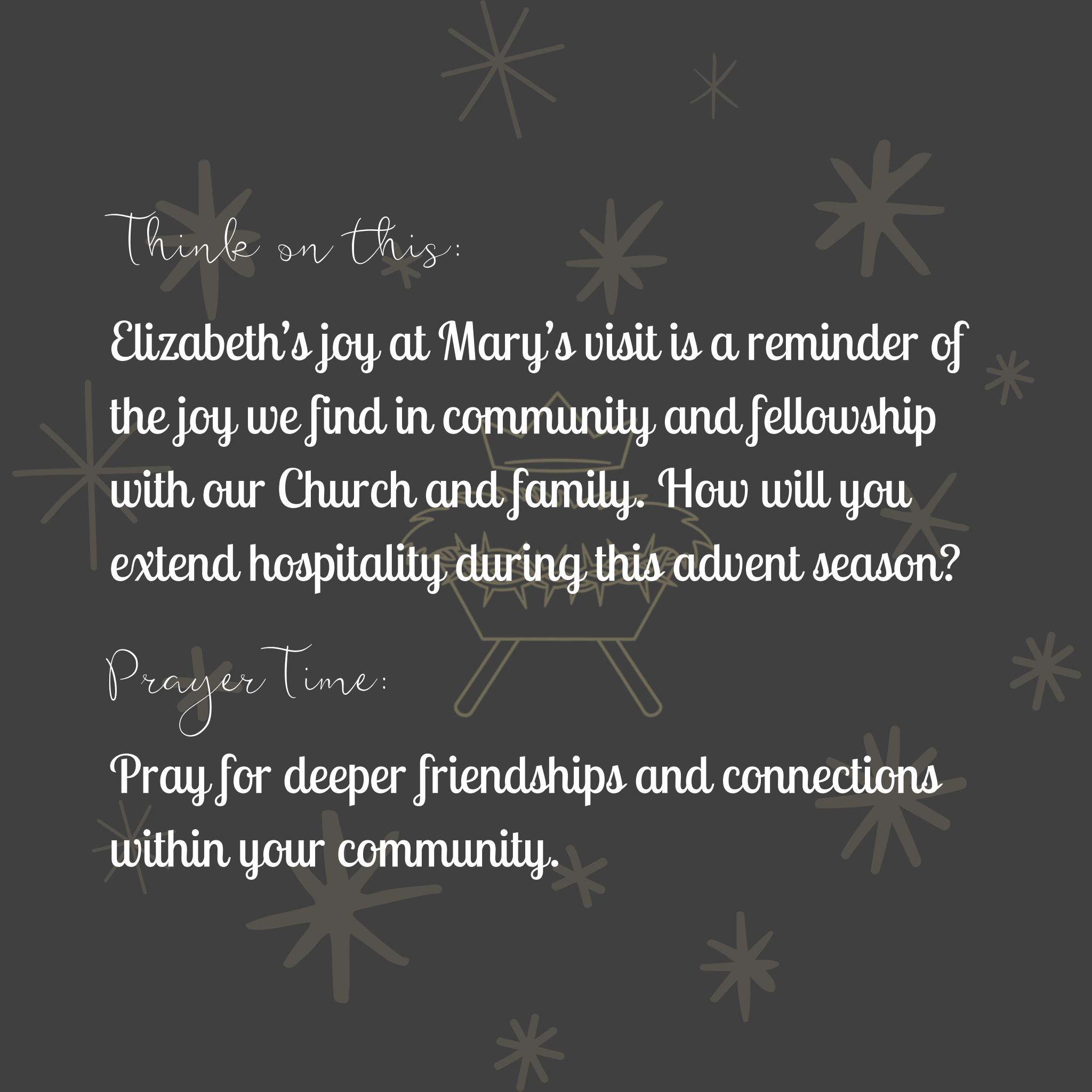
Prayer Time:

Pray for God to reveal His plans for your life, especially in unexpected places.



In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

Luke 1:39-45



Think on this:

Elizabeth's joy at Mary's visit is a reminder of the joy we find in community and fellowship with our Church and family. How will you extend hospitality during this advent season?

Prayer Time:

Pray for deeper friendships and connections within your community.



In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:1-7

Think on this:

Jesus' humble birth reminds us that greatness often comes in the most unassuming forms.

Does this affect how we view others that the world undervalues?

Prayer Time:

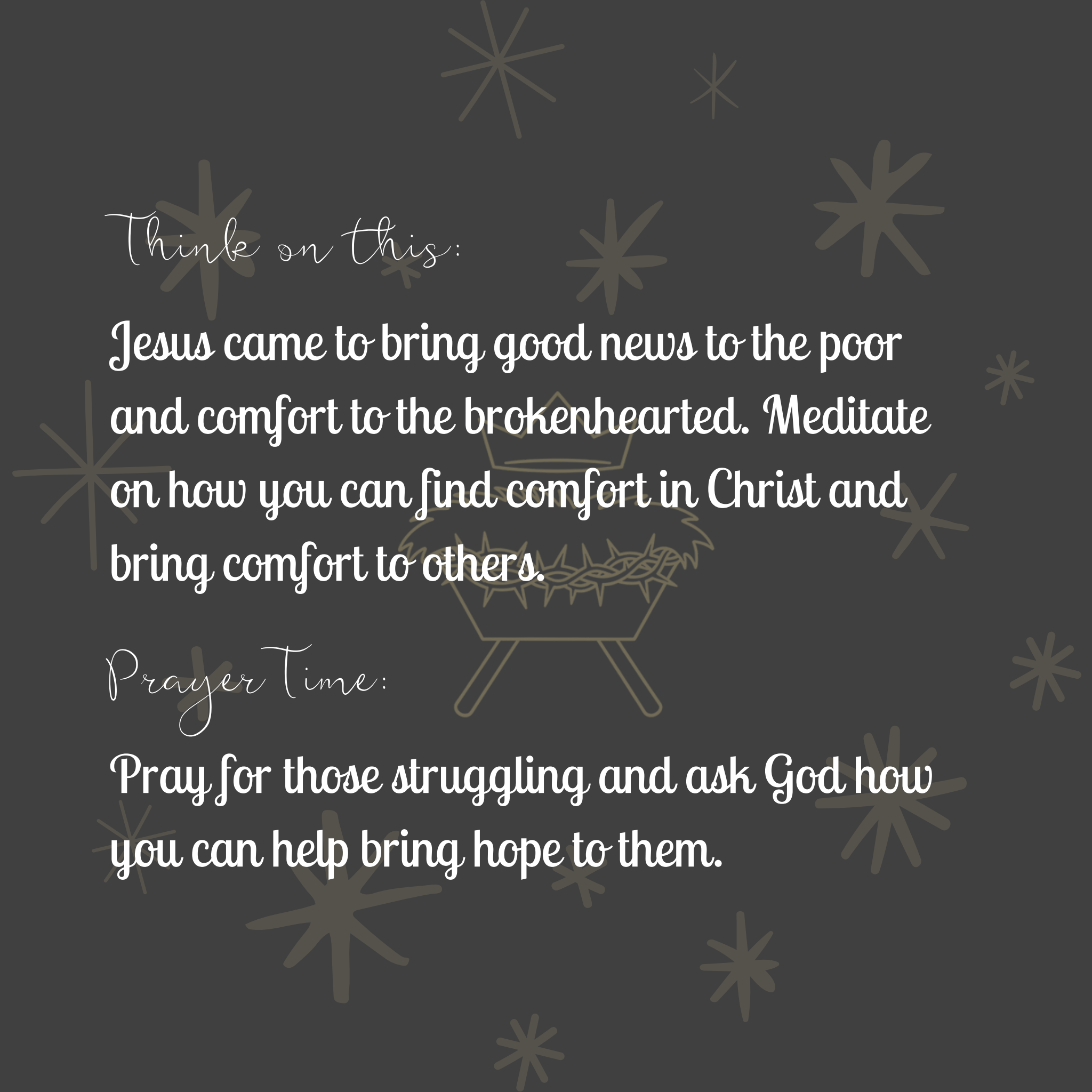
Ask God to open your eyes to the beauty of humility in your life.

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The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Isaiah 61:1-3



Think on this:

Jesus came to bring good news to the poor
and comfort to the brokenhearted. Meditate
on how you can find comfort in Christ and
bring comfort to others.

Prayer Time:

Pray for those struggling and ask God how
you can help bring hope to them.



Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: “ ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Matthew 2:1-12

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Think on this:

The wise men sought Jesus with intention, highlighting the importance of seeking God with our hearts. Be intentional about your relationship with Christ and seek Him daily.

Prayer Time:

Pray for a deeper desire to seek God in your everyday life.

10



And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host praising God
and saying,
“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with
whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:8-14

Think on this:

The angels proclaim peace and joy. In challenging
times, we can hold onto this promise of divine peace.

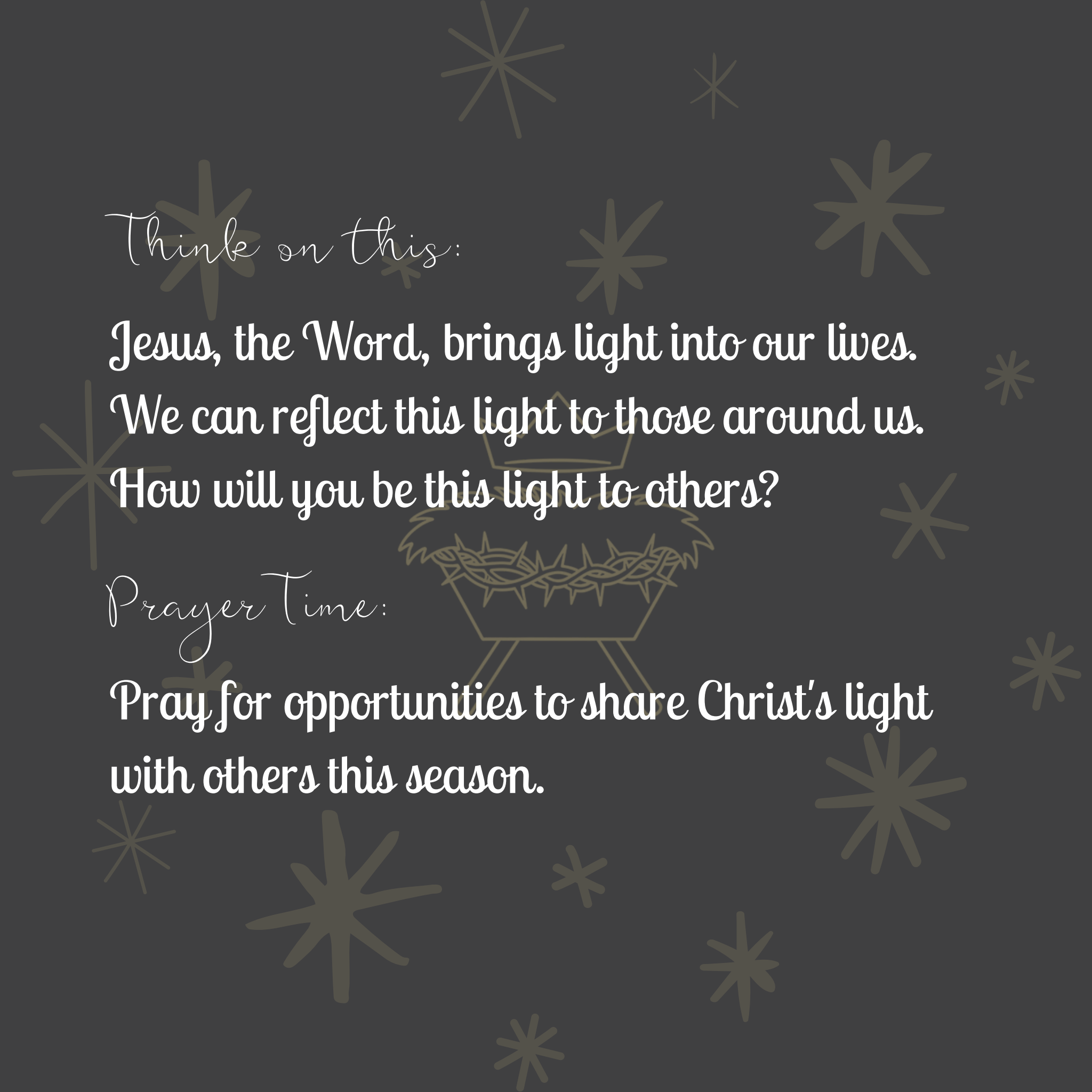
Prayer Time:

Ask God to fill your heart with His peace.



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5



Think on this:

Jesus, the Word, brings light into our lives.

We can reflect this light to those around us.

How will you be this light to others?

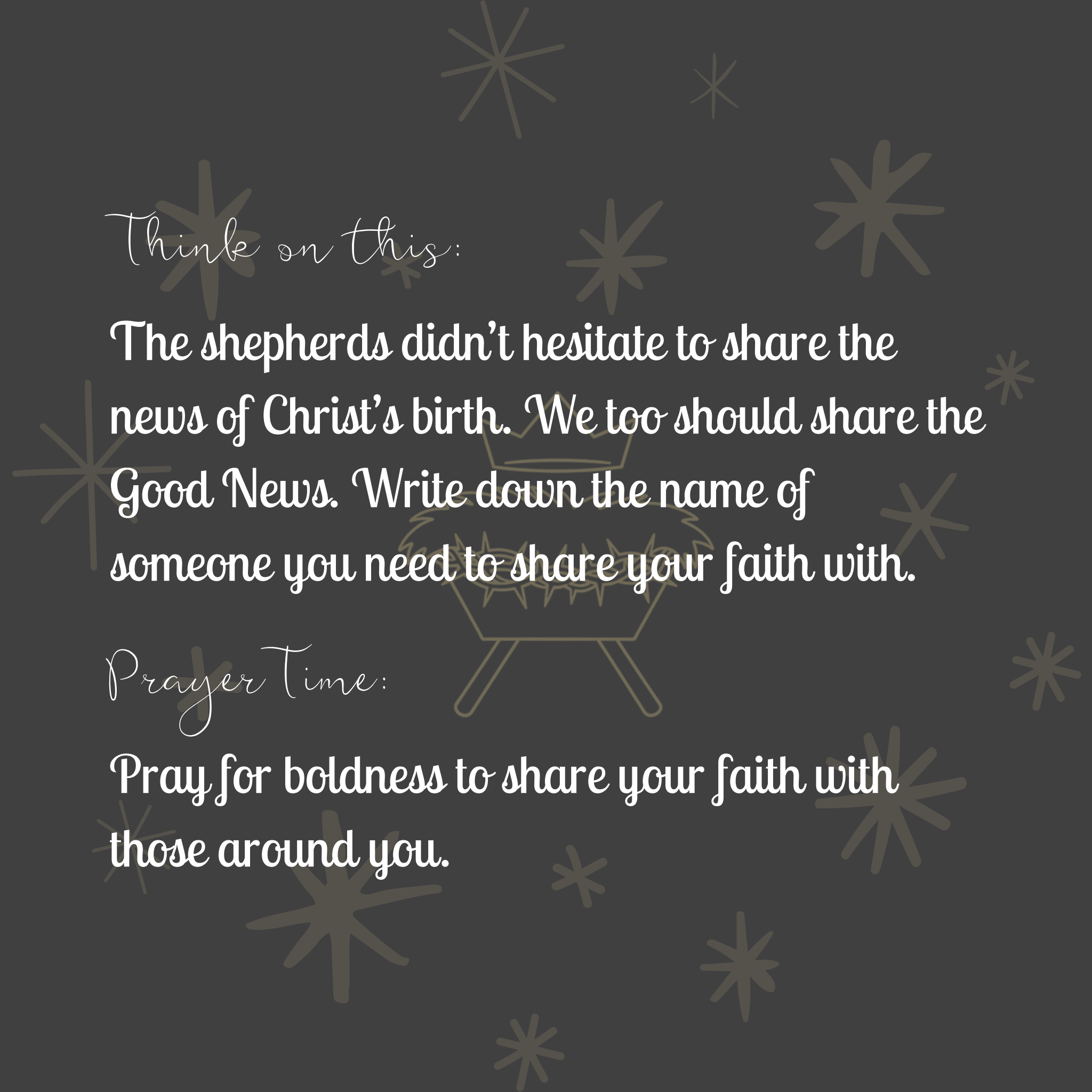
Prayer Time:

Pray for opportunities to share Christ's light
with others this season.



When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Luke 2:15-20

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Think on this:

The shepherds didn't hesitate to share the news of Christ's birth. We too should share the Good News. Write down the name of someone you need to share your faith with.

Prayer Time:

Pray for boldness to share your faith with those around you.

13



Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Psalms 98:1-3

Think on this:

Because of God's goodness and generosity,
we are led to worship, and each day brings
new joys. How will you genuinely worship the
Lord today?

Prayer Time:

Consider spending time in worship and praise
during your prayer today.

14



There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Isaiah 11:1-10

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

Think on this:

This passage emphasizes the justice and righteousness of God. Jesus was embodiment of both, and we can be thankful that He still brings both today.

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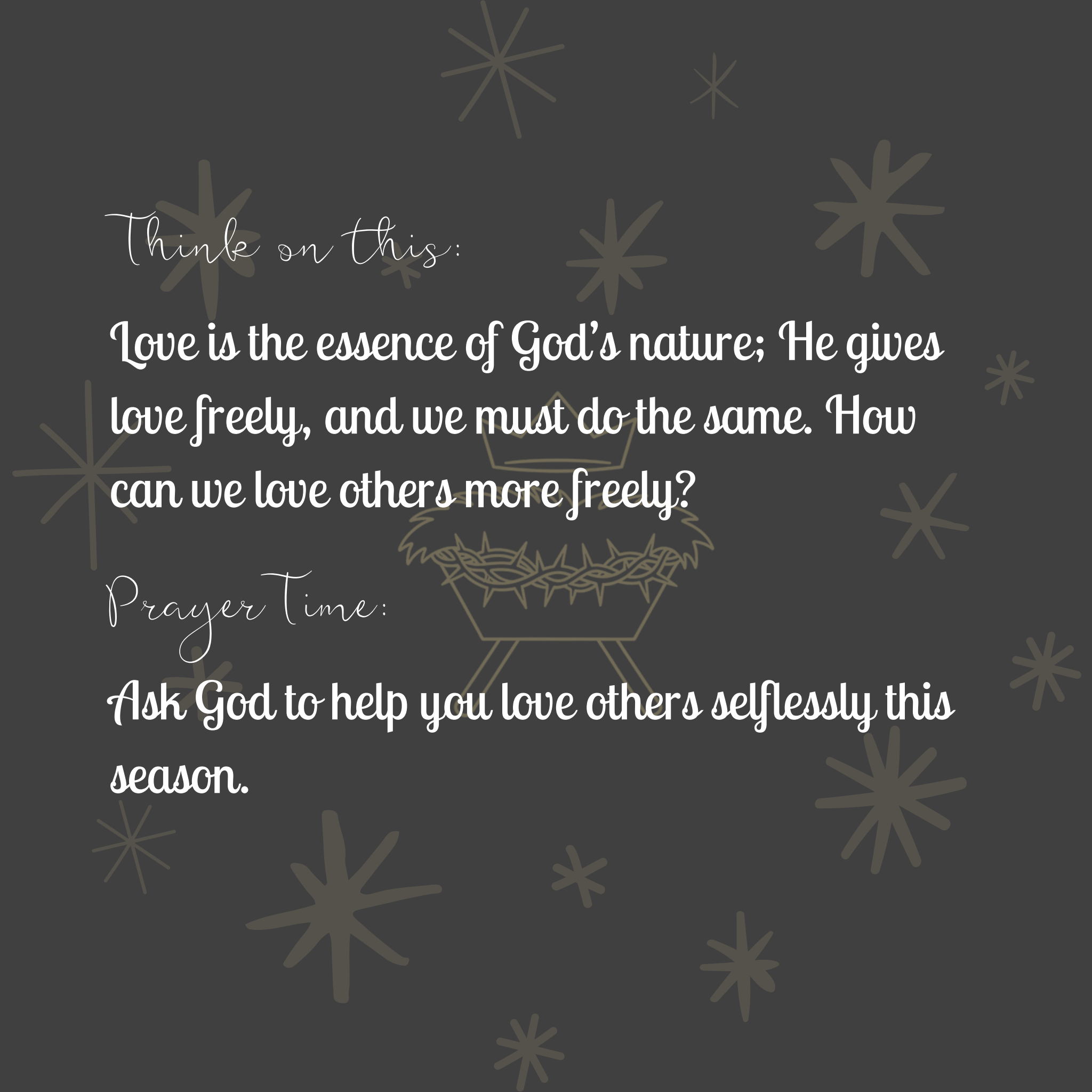
Pray for justice in your community and for God's will to prevail.

15



In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10



Think on this:

Love is the essence of God's nature; He gives love freely, and we must do the same. How can we love others more freely?

Prayer Time:

Ask God to help you love others selflessly this season.

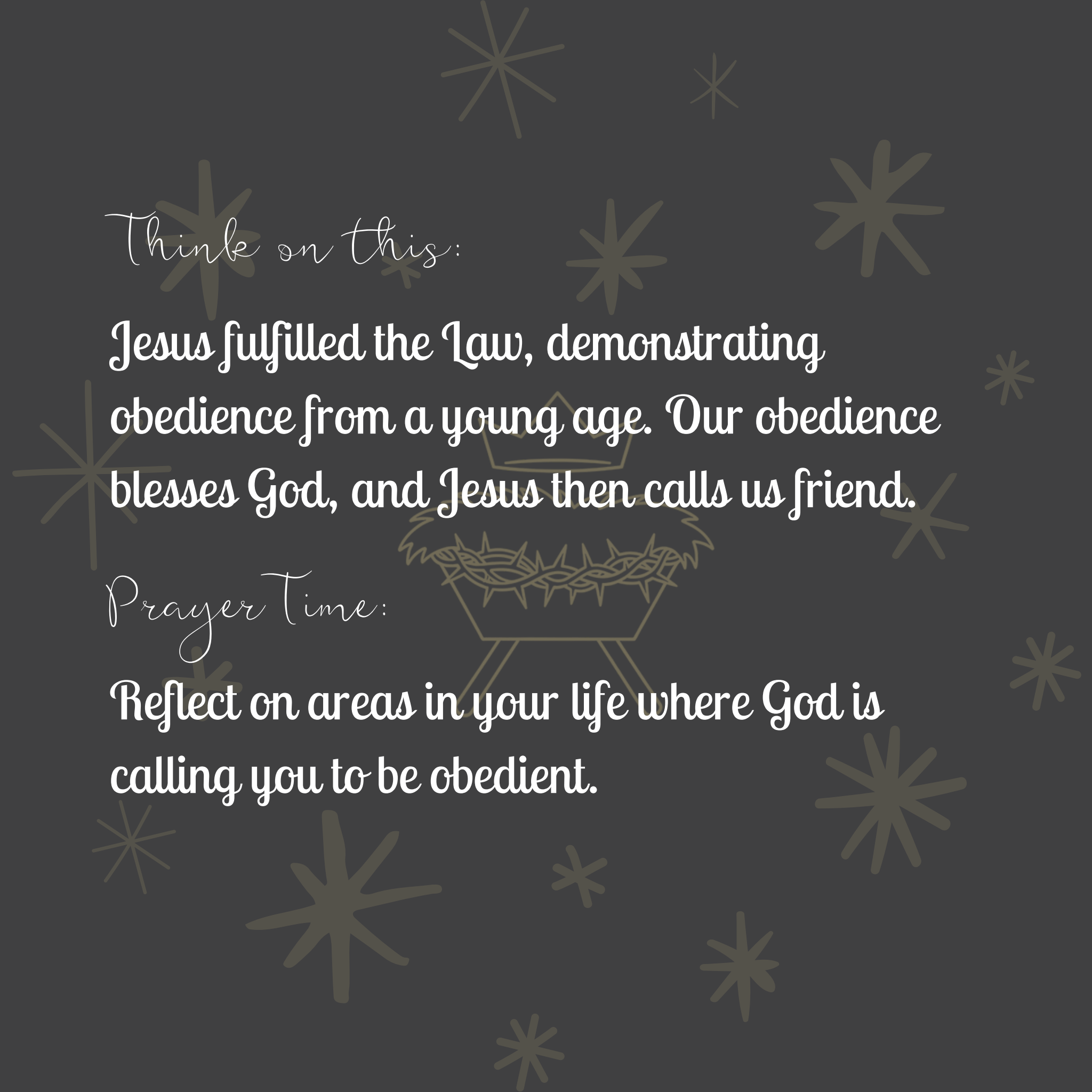
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And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons."

Luke 2:21-24



Think on this:

Jesus fulfilled the Law, demonstrating obedience from a young age. Our obedience blesses God, and Jesus then calls us friend.

Prayer Time:

Reflect on areas in your life where God is calling you to be obedient.



Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

Matthew 2:13-15

Think on this:

God protected Jesus during peril, reminding us that He watches over us too. Are we going to the hard places trusting God to watch over us?

Prayer Time:

Pray for protection over your family and loved ones, and for boldness to go into the hard places

18



Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

Think on this:

Jesus' humility and ultimate sacrifice show us what true love looks like. We're called to live with the same mindset. What are we willing to lay it all on the line for?

Prayer Time:

Pray for humility and a servant's heart in your interactions with others.

19



A voice cries:

*“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.*

*⁵ And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.”*

Isaiah 40:3-5

Think on this:

Prepare the way for the Lord - this is our call during Advent to make room in our hearts for Jesus. Are there things taking up space that should be reserved for Christ?

Prayer Time:

Seek God and ask Him to reveal anything that blocks your relationship with Him.

20



When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Matthew 1:24-25

Think on this:

Joseph's obedience exemplifies true faith. Even when we don't have all the answers, trusting God is key.

Prayer Time:

Ask God to strengthen your faith when circumstances are unclear.



21



And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

Luke 1:46-55

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

Luke 1:46-55

Think on this:

This passage is called, “Mary’s song (The Magnificat)” and it reflects true joy and gratitude. How can we celebrate God’s goodness?

Prayer Time:

Spend time in gratitude, praising God for His blessings in your life.



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

John 3:16-17

Think on this:

God's love is revealed in the gift of Jesus. We celebrate not just His birth, but His purpose for coming. Does this shape the way you look at Christmas?

Prayer Time:

Reflect on the meaning of Christ's sacrifice and thank God for His grace.

23



May the God of hope fill you with all
joy and peace in believing, so that by
the power of the Holy Spirit you may
abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Think on this:

The hope we find in Christ is a source of joy and peace, which we can share with others.

How can you and your family share joy with others this Advent season?

Prayer Time:

Pray for opportunities to spread hope and joy to those around you.

24



“...for my eyes have seen your
salvation that you have prepared in the
presence of all peoples, a light for
revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

Luke 2:30-32

Think on this:

Simeon recognized Jesus as the Savior long awaited. We should also recognize His presence in our lives today. Think of how He has worked in your life.

Prayer Time:

Ask God to open your eyes to see Him at work in your life.

25



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:11-14

Think on this:

Today, we celebrate the birth of our Savior,
Jesus Christ, bringing joy and peace to all. Let
us rejoice in this gift and share the Good
News!

Prayer Time:

Spend time in worship and thank God for the
gift of Jesus, asking how you can carry His
light into the world.