

Women of Faith Resources: Christmas 2021



Introduction

Christ has already come into our lives. We all know this. So, the question is: How did Christ come to me today? We can pose ourselves this question every day of our lives. When we are conscious of this question, our lives take on a new dimension, an ongoing, living reality of the presence of Christ.

The Christmas Season offers us the opportunity to favor the revelations of Christ-presence in us and all around us. When we are intentionally aware of Christ in our family members and relatives, in our friends and in our neighbors, in the driver of the car in front of us, in the persons in the check-out lines as we shop, even in the persons we see on our TV screens, life takes on a new meaning.

Let us pray for the grace to see Christ evermore in everyone who crosses our pathways.

A Few Quotes from Literature on Christmas

Let these quotes reach into your heart and soul.

"The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." ~ Buddy the Elf

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." ~ C.S. Lewis

"What is Christmas? It is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present, and hope for the future." ~ Agnes M. Pahro

Our Virtue for the Season of Christmas

Here are three interwoven virtues: vision, peace, and joyfulness. Vision opens our minds and hearts to see, hear, and speak of the new and deeper aspects of Christmas here and now. Peace calls us to abiding quietude within us as we reflect on this greatest of mysteries of faith. Joyfulness comes to us in carols, decorations, Christmas greetings, gatherings with family and friends, and TV productions.

Scriptures on Christmas

Now, reflect on Scripture quotes:

John 3:16 ~ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Matthew 1:23 ~ “Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”

Luke 2:11 ~ “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Christmas in our Daily Lives

We seek to live Christmas in our daily lives:

- Consume the Word until it becomes a part of you, enlarging your spirit, much like those Christmas cookies will do to your bellies.
- Plan a fun evening or afternoon between Christmas and New Year's Days.
- Read a Christmas bedtime story to your child or grandchild.
- Do a pre- or post- Christmas activity with your family.
- Enjoy a family game night. Each one brings or suggests his/her favorite game.
- Walk through a Christmas lights exhibit, if there is one near you, or drive around your neighborhood to see Christmas lights.
- Host an "ugly sweater" party with your family or friends.
- Read Christmas poetry or make up your own Christmas poem(s).
- Listen to Christmas music and sing your heart out!
- Come up with other ideas on how to spend the holiday season...

Spiritual Reading

The following articles can nurture an experience of Christmas:

[Susan Drinkard writes about the “Spirit of Christmas”](#) in the Bonner County Daily Bee, December 19, 2021.

Shutterfly Community offers a myriad of Christmas activities for all age groups: [30+ Fun Christmas Activities To Help You Enjoy The Holidays](#)

Amanda Idleman gives us [Beautiful Readings and Prayers for Christmas Eve/Day](#).

Go online and type in *Books on Christmas* in the search box. You will find several options.

Music that Nurtures the Experience of Christmas

[The Best of Pentatonix Christmas](#)

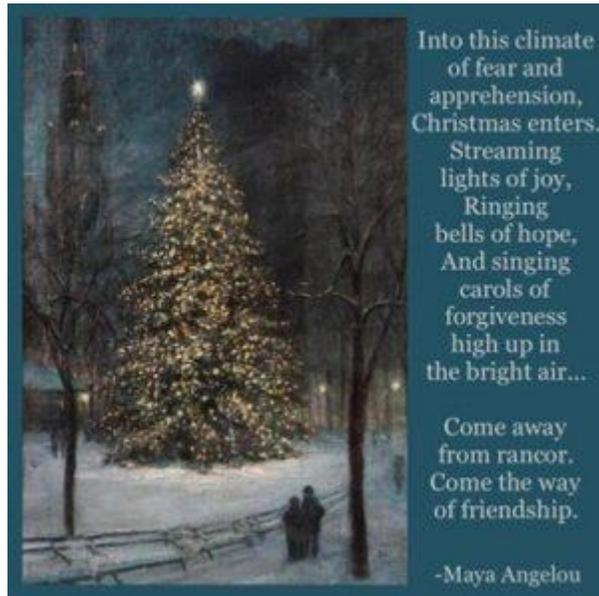
[Handel's Messiah in Grace Cathedral \(complete\)](#) • Beautiful HD • American Bach Soloists

Christmas Songs for Kids:

[Our favorite Christmas Songs for Kids](#)

[Christmas Carols with Lyrics for Children](#)

Art for Christmas



<https://www.facebook.com/GardenofImages/photos/a.1528063010779631/3070030163249567/>

Let this image and Maya Angelou's words inspire your reflection.



https://www.huffpost.com/entry/a-christmas-prayer_b_8869308

If you have a Christmas candle, hold it in your hands as you pray.



<https://www.discountdisplays.co.uk/our-blog/amazing-house-christmas-light-displays/>

Do you enjoy Christmas lights? Walk or take a ride around your neighborhood. Enjoy the lights. You might even leave a Christmas message or card in your neighbors' mailboxes.

And, what else do you wish to say to God as you celebrate this Christmas Day and Season 2021?

Christmas Websites to Explore

[Moving Onwards Forward: An Advent Message](#) from Ilia Delio at christogenesis.org

Track Santa on Christmas Eve at noradsanta.org

Explore, play, and learn throughout December at santatracker.google.com

[Top 30 Christmas blogs and websites to read](#)

You may discover much more if you explore online yourself!



Yes. A very blessed Christmas Season from Women of Faith SSA to each of you and all of you!

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