



*Merry Christmas!*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. – Isaiah 9:6*

Dear Jesus,

We thank You, Jesus, for Your gift of love that is celebrated at Christmas each year.  
We thank You that although angels sent announcements, You chose a simple entry.  
We thank You that nothing stopped Your triumphant victory over sin, pain, and sickness.  
We thank You that You chose us. As my Lord & Savior, I choose Your ways.  
We thank You that Your story continues today, giving us hope for all our tomorrows.

Show us how to live more simply, especially at this time, the celebration of Your birth.  
Release us today from the constant pressure and messages to “buy” at Christmas.  
Show us how to build “godly traditions” that can be passed onto coming generations.

We praise You for who You are, the King of kings, the Lord of lords.  
We praise You as the Alpha and the Omega. This age is preparatory for Your return.  
We praise You! We love You! We Thank You! We worship You! - Amen

My Sister-in-Christ,

We renounce the lies of the culture ... and today we choose ...

To pass on to our children and friends a well-balanced and God-honoring Christmas.

We release one another ...

To no longer make gift-giving comparisons pressuring us to go into debt.

We release one another ...

To choose "simply holiday" principals whereby we can honor You!

We release one another ...

To no longer rely on "having to buy" things to make Christmas special.

We release one another ...

To look to Christ Jesus and make Him the excitement of our homes at Christmas.

We release one another ...

To be creative & genuinely "big-hearted" as we share Christ with those around us.

Go and enjoy the holidays in Jesus' Name.

*Who can add to Christmas?*

*The perfect motive is that God so loved the world.*

*The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son.*

*The only requirement is to believe in Him.*

*The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.*

*- Corrie Ten Boom*

