



At Christmas 2018 a colleague of mine sent this devotion to me and I'd like to share it with you – I have her permission to do so.

“We are now in the season of Advent when we eagerly anticipate God’s gift to the world of Himself.

It is a moment in time like no other for God’s gift to us is remarkable. God became man. The creator of the universe became flesh and blood growing in a human womb and nourished into life by a young woman. God with us. The birth of Jesus speaks of God’s great love for you and me.

As Christmas draws near, we get caught up with the hustle and bustle and forget to remain focussed on the amazing love of God expressed in His gift.

Let us reflect on the birth of Jesus and be filled with the spirit of Christmas – peace, love, hope and sacrifice - so that we speak gently and practice kindness and justice and show warm hospitality to all.

Bible Reference: Philippians 2:7

“Jesus gave up His place with God and made himself nothing. He was born to be a man and became like a servant.”

Prayer

God of Love and Christmas,

Our Hope and Joy are found in your gift of Jesus. Grant that we might follow in His footsteps this Christmas by sharing your love, your hope, and your joy with all we meet. Amen.”

Everybody likes to take a holiday
Everybody likes to take a rest
Spending time together with the family
Sharing lots of love and happiness.

Come on, ring those bells,
Light the Christmas tree,
Jesus is the king
Born for you and me.
Come on, ring those bells,
Every-body say,
Jesus, we remember
This your birthday.

Celebrations come because of something good.
Celebrations we love to recall
Mary had a baby boy in Bethlehem
The greatest celebration of all.
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