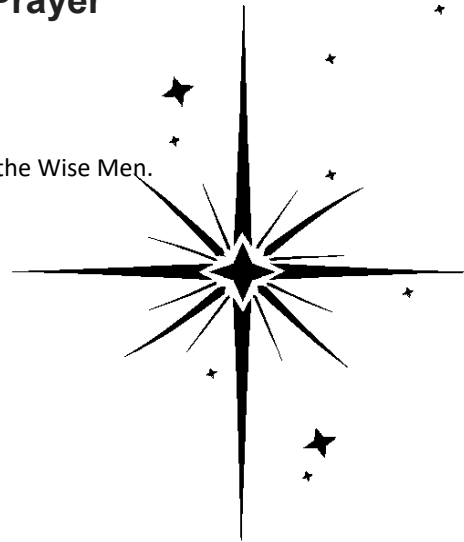


## A Christmas Prayer

Give us, Lord Jesus, the eyes of children,  
to see your birth with Christmas wonder. ✦  
Help us to share in the songs of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the Wise Men.  
Close the door on hate, and open the door of love,  
all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift,  
and blessing with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil, by the blessing Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.  
May Christmas morning  
make us happy to be your children,  
and Christmas evening  
bring us to rest with grateful thought, Forgiving and Forgiven. Amen.



*May every home in our parish experience the joy of Christ's coming among us and may that joy be shared with all the members of our families, especially with those who come home for Christmas. May the light of Christ shine in your hearts and home and may the warmth of His love heal any wounds or hurts. May those of your dear ones who cannot make it home for Christmas hear from us a word of love and an assurance of prayer.*

*We will hold in prayer ...*

*... those who are grieving the loss of a loved one*

*... those who are sick and in hospital*

*... those who are alone this Christmas.*

*May you experience God's Love*



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