



Prayer for Christmas Morning

O Christ Jesus, joy of the world,
We celebrate your arrival
Word made flesh
On this Christmas morn.

O God incarnate,
As we celebrate and watch
Our loved ones squeal with delight
With sleepy eyes and tousled hair
Or grin in spite of themselves
May we wonder what Mary felt
As she watched her baby grow.
We know we are in but a flash in time.
We want to hold the moments.
We want to store them up in our hearts.
We marvel that You,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Entered this world as one of us
A cosmic King made vulnerable infant,
Swaddled in strips of cloth
And You let us hold You in our arms.

O Prince of Peace,
In our celebrations and rejoicing,
We watch the light break in,
And we pray that You comfort the lonely

And bring joy to the hurting.
Fill the hungry and lift the lowly.
And may we know, O Redeemer,
That this work of peace on Earth
Begins in us.

O Spirit of the Living God,
As our children pull presents
From under the tree
We know these paper boxes
Are but temporary joys
In the light of Your glory.
We thank You for the good gift of Jesus,
And we thank You that
You have given and still offer now
Gifts of love and joy,
Of peace and patience,
Gifts and kindness and goodness,
Of faithfulness and self-control.

O God of Mercy,
We rejoice, for on this morning
We celebrate the day of Christ's arrival
The day that changed everything.
And we give all the glory to You
Forevermore.

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