CHRISTMAS

A FAMILY PRAYER

Read aloud this prayer with your family.

As we celebrate this holy day with those we love, let us still our hearts and thank God for the birth of his son.

Allow some silence for individual reflection

God, we recognize the importance of the Incarnation of Christ. You have given abundantly. For that, we rejoice! Allow us to give to each other just as you have given to us.

Read this scripture with your family

Isaiah 9:2-79:2 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined.9:3 You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.9:4 For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.9:5 For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

9:6 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.9:7 His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Joy to the world! Amen