

A Prayer for Christmas

Merciful God, who made that first Christmas night so **beauteous** and **bright**, we ask You to bless us once again with Your **gentle** yet **powerful** Presence. As we experience the cold nights and bitter winds of this world, remind us that You have not left us alone, but have promised to be our **Emmanuel, God-with-us**. You once slept in a stable in Bethlehem, while shepherds and Magi visited You. Now, You dwell in glory in the Holy Eucharist, waiting once again for us to adore You. Please **fill us** with Your gift of **heavenly peace**, and **open our eyes** to Your Presence in our midst. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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