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Dear Jesus, Thank You for loving me unconditionally. I believe You died on the cross and rose again. Please forgive me of my sins. Come into my heart and make me a new creation. I want to live for You. Help me share Your love with others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

If you prayed this prayer, I encourage you to read the Bible, find a church family who can encourage you in your new walk with Christ, and most importantly, pray for God to help you.

May God bless you always,
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A King is Born

On the first Christmas night, there were no last-minute holiday sales or revolving Christmas trees adorned with twinkling lights. No one wrote Christmas cards and no one bought gifts for the annual office Christmas party. On that glorious night, a bright star lit up the heavens, announcing the birth of the King of kings and Lord of lords. The first Christmas night, while quite humble compared to the fanfare we have today, was the moment that changed the world forever. Although Jesus Christ was born in a manger, He grew up to save the world.

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Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, was born in a stable. There were not thousands of people on hand to witness this grandiose event. No paparazzi or news reporters were there to cover this significant moment in history. Instead, a few Wise Men and some shepherds were the ones who came to congratulate the new parents. But with all of its imperfections, this first Christmas was absolutely perfect because it was the birthday of the King.

This Christmas, do not dwell on trying to create the perfect Christmas. Instead, ask God to give you a blessed Christmas. It does not matter if you wrap gifts the night before Christmas, or if the cookies get a little too brown on the bottom. And no one will know if you made the whole meal from scratch or took a few shortcuts here and there. What really matters is whether or not you and your family spend time together and whether or not you take time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Greatest Gift

This Christmas, I am striving to keep my eyes on Jesus Christ. Even as I select special items to give to my family and friends, I want these items to remind them of my love for them and in turn, the love that Jesus has for all of us. To me, the greatest joy in giving a gift is sharing my love with someone else. I truly believe that it is more blessed to give than receive. So did God. But He did not give us another pair of socks, a gift card to our favorite restaurant, or a new smartphone. He gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ, as the greatest gift ever given in the history of humanity. Then, Jesus truly gave His all, just for you and me.

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A Gift of Love

Following in His Father's footsteps, Jesus gave of Himself by healing the sick, raising the dead, and performing many miracles. Jesus helped others more than we will ever know. God's Word says, "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written" (John 21:25). Jesus did more than any other person in the history of the world. But He did not stop there. When Jesus was thirty-three years old, He made the ultimate sacrifice by giving his life, so we could receive the gift of eternal life. Why? First John 3:16 says, "This is how we know what love is: Christ laid down His life for us." Jesus gave His life because He loved us.

Jesus' level of giving sort of makes that beautiful scarf you bought for your grandmother or the train set you picked out for your children pale in comparison doesn't it? That is the beauty of gift giving though. Jesus gave of Himself, expecting nothing in return. Even now, He does not expect any form of repayment. We will either accept or reject this precious gift that has been freely extended to every man, woman, boy, and girl. We all need a Savior. Romans 3:23 says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." Through the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, our sins can be erased.

This Christmas season, embrace the love of Jesus Christ. If you write Christmas cards to family and friends, decorate gingerbread cookies, or enjoy shopping for all of the special gift recipients on your list, remember why we celebrate this holiday in the first place. Jesus Christ is the reason for it all. Without the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas would not be

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