

THE MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS – Part 1 of 3
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December Prayer Goals

25 friends find faith in Christ at Christmas!
350 at our Christmas Eve services!

"In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel said to Mary, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you!' Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be." Luke 1:26-29 (NIV)

"Then the angel said, 'Do not be afraid, Mary! You have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and his kingdom will never end!'" Luke 1:30-33 (NIV)

"How will this be,' Mary asked the angel, 'since I am a virgin?' The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the Holy One to be born will be called THE SON OF GOD! Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age... and she is in her sixth month. For NOTHING is impossible with God.'" Luke 1:34-37 (NIV)

"Mary responded, 'I am the Lord's servant, and I am WILLING TO ACCEPT whatever he wants. May everything you have said come true!' And then the angel left." Luke 1:38 (NLT)

WHY A MIRACLE FROM GOD FOR YOU THIS CHRISTMAS?

Luke 1:46-55

1. BECAUSE YOU ARE GOD'S IDEA

Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."
Luke 1:46-47 (NIV)

"Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people." Psalm 100:3 (NCV)

2 . BECAUSE NO ONE CARES FOR ME MORE.

"The Lord is constantly thinking about us and he will surely bless us."
Psalm 115:12

“Give God all your worries and cares for He is always thinking about you.”
1 Peter 5:7

“For he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.” Luke 1:48a (NIV)

“Remember, to know what you ought to do and then not do it is sin.” James 4:17

3. BECAUSE IT IS THE KEY TO BLESSING.

“From now on, every generation will call me blessed! For he, the Mighty One, is holy, and he has done great things for me. And God will show his mercy to every generation who will worship and serve him.” Luke 1:48b-50 (NLT/NCV)

“This day I have set before you life or death, blessings or curses. Now choose life so that you and your children may live.” Deut 30:19

4. BECAUSE GOD HONORS HUMILITY

“He has displayed his power with many mighty deeds BUT has scattered the people who are proud and think they are the great ones. He has brought down mighty rulers from their thrones BUT has raised up the humble! He has filled the hungry with good things BUT sent the rich away with nothing!” Luke 1:51-53 (NCV)

5. BECAUSE GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.

“He has kept the promise he made to our ancestors, and has come to the help of his servant Israel. He has remembered to show mercy to Abraham and to all his descendants forever!” Luke 1:54-55 (TEV)

“Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign. Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Emmanuel.” Isaiah 7:14

Will YOU pray for and expect a Miracle this Christmas time?