

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.

Christmas Resource 2026

Ladies

December can be noisy, life can feel full and our souls need space to breathe, be still, and refocus on Jesus. Preparing Him room begins in the quiet places of the heart. When we draw near to God with openness and humility, He meets us with His grace, peace, and nearness. This season, I invite you to pause, quiet your heart, and create sacred space to welcome Him in.

Come close to God, and He will come close to you. James 4:8

Women's Ministries Team

THE SALVATION ARMY

Salvationist Women

Responsive Scripture

Leader: The world is busy, filled with noise and rushing feet.

People: Lord, quiet our hearts so we can hear your voice.

Leader: There was no room for him in the inn, yet heaven's king arrived in humility.

People: Jesus, we open the doors of our lives to welcome you in.

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my anxious thoughts; clear out what does not belong.

People: Purify our hands and cleanse our hearts to make space for your presence.

Leader: Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you.

People: We lay down our distractions and give our highest devotion to Christ.

Leader: He makes His home in our hearts as we trust in Him.

People: Let every heart prepare Him room!

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Jesus, You are Worthy

Lord you are Holy, Faithful, Loving, Gracious and Good. You are our Creator, our Sustainer, our Redeemer

Jesus you are our King

We worship you as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May our hearts belong fully to you and may our lives reflect your love, your compassion, and your grace.

Jesus You are Emmanuel

Emmanuel, we adore you. You are the God who came near, who entered our world and made your dwelling among us. In the wonder of Christmas, we see the depths of your love and the beauty of your humility. Thank you that we are not forgotten or forsaken. We praise you because your presence is a gift beyond measure.

Jesus you are Love

Jesus you are Love
Jesus, we adore you for your unfailing love. Thank you for coming into our world, for drawing near to us, and for making your love known.

Jesus you are Peace

Jesus, you are welcome here. Quiet our hearts, and settle our restless hearts. Teach us to rest in your presence entrust you with what we cannot control.



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Schedule

Worship Outline Example

Arrival and Welcome

Welcome Breath Prayer

Christmas Worship & Adoration

Video: Adore by Chris Tomlin

Responsive Scripture

Video: Behold

Prayers of Praise & Adoration

Devotional Reflection

“Make room” reflection and quiet prayer

Closing Blessing

Fellowship Time



video suggestions

Emmanuel: Chris Tomlin
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDQoIND3yrQ

Behold Him: Paul Baloche
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_izK4kI_wmA

Holy Forever (Christmas Version): Chris Tomlin
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EWxp5UmwWw&list=RD0EWxp5UmwWw&start_radio=1

Prepare Him Room: Sovereign Grace Music
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLQFpzRtTFw&list=RDBLQFpzRtTFw&start_radio=1

song suggestions

What a Beautiful Name
Worthy, You are Worthy
O Come, Let Us Adore Him
Holy Forever (Christmas Edition)
Silent Night

Welcome Prayer

Lord in the busyness of our lives, help us to slow down and notice You.

In the noise, help us to hear Your voice.
In the demands of the season help us make space for You.
In the places where our hearts are tired or full, remind us that You are near.

Today we choose to prepare room for You.
Room for Your presence.
Room for Your peace.
Room for Your word.
Room for Your spirit to move in us and through us.
Lord prepare our hearts to receive You afresh this Christmas season.

I invite you to settle into this moment. Allow the busyness of the day to quieten, release whatever you have carried into this space, and gently become aware of God's presence with you. There is nothing you need to accomplish in this moment. Nothing you need to prove. Simply come as you are and rest in the presence of Jesus. As you breathe in, receive his love. As you breathe out, release the things that crowd your heart. Let us pray this simple breath prayer together.

(Repeat slowly a couple of times allowing a moment of silence afterwards.)

Breathe in: Lord Jesus, I welcome you
Breathe out: Prepare my heart



Setting and Decor

Create a space of *respite* and *connection*



Setting Decor

Create a welcoming space where women can step away from the noise of Christmas, encounter God, and simply be in His presence.

- Set the atmosphere by using soft lighting, lamps, candles (battery operated), and warm fairy lights to create a peaceful atmosphere.
- Arrange seating in a semi-circle or around round tables to encourage connection while maintaining a sense of intimacy.
- Place a heart and marker by each place setting/chair for personal reflection time.
- Rustic White Clay Hearts, Wedding/valentines Decorations Handmade Available in Pack of 5 or 10 Stars (Etsy Canada)
- Play quiet instrumental christmas music playing as women arrive Inviting them to settle their hearts before the gathering begins.
- Create a beautiful focal point. Place a simple, rustic wooden manger in the center of the room. Keep it empty during the worship night as a visual reminder of the theme “prepare him room.”
- Let stillness be part of the worship itself. Resist the temptation to fill every moment with words or activities. Sometimes the most meaningful gift we can offer women at Christmas is permission to pause, breathe and become aware of the God who is already near.

Devotional

Please feel free to use and make this as your own.

Eremos is the Greek word for wilderness, desert, or wild place. Or, as John Mark Comer describes it in his new book, the "quiet place."

The book (by the same title) is both profoundly challenging and deeply inspiring. JMC points out that our modern culture is poor in silence and solitude. In fact, we can go our entire lives never engaging in any form of silence or solitude. *Never*. This should alarm us when we can most aptly describe Jesus' way of life in the New Testament as one of "retreat" and "return." Luke 5:16 NLT says "But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer." The Message puts it this way, "**As often as possible** Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places for prayer."

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "silence" as the "absence of noise." And it defines "noise" as "one that lacks an agreeable quality or is noticeably unpleasant or loud." As JMC describes it, pretty much any type of city living means incessant noise in the form of construction, traffic, and angry human interactions. Just finding silence when we live in these places is almost impossible. Solitude is an additional challenge. We may find ourselves (occasionally) physically alone, but we are likely texting, sending reels or TikToks, or facetiming at least a few times throughout those "alone" hours.



This is to the great detriment of our soul, and further, to our intimacy with Christ. Henri Nouwen says, "Solitude is the furnace of transformation. Without solitude we remain victims of our society and continue to be entangled in the illusions of the false self." It is the way Jesus lived His life, as essential as sabbath. It is not easy, however. Often this is where pain, anger, grief and unmet longings find us in full force. It is the place where God meets us to do deep work. Mother Teresa says, "God is the friend of silence." The quiet place is not self-care, and often, it is not easy. It is a place of deep work.

John Mark Comer cautions us against making excuses about busy lives, small children, demanding careers. While these are certainly factors, if we are all honest, there *are* moments we could retreat. Importantly, silence and solitude mean no podcasts, audio books, phone calls or other "inputs." It is placing ourselves before God for an intentional amount of time. What might He accomplish if we responded to this call? If we made way for our God?

This Christmas season is particularly busy. And we feel the consequences of persistent noise and movements: we are short-tempered, anxious, depleted. It is possible the answer to this is not a nap (although that is needed sometimes!), a vacation, an evening watching Netflix, or a nail-salon visit with friends—but rather, the deep work of the Holy Spirit made only possible by pausing in silence and solitude.

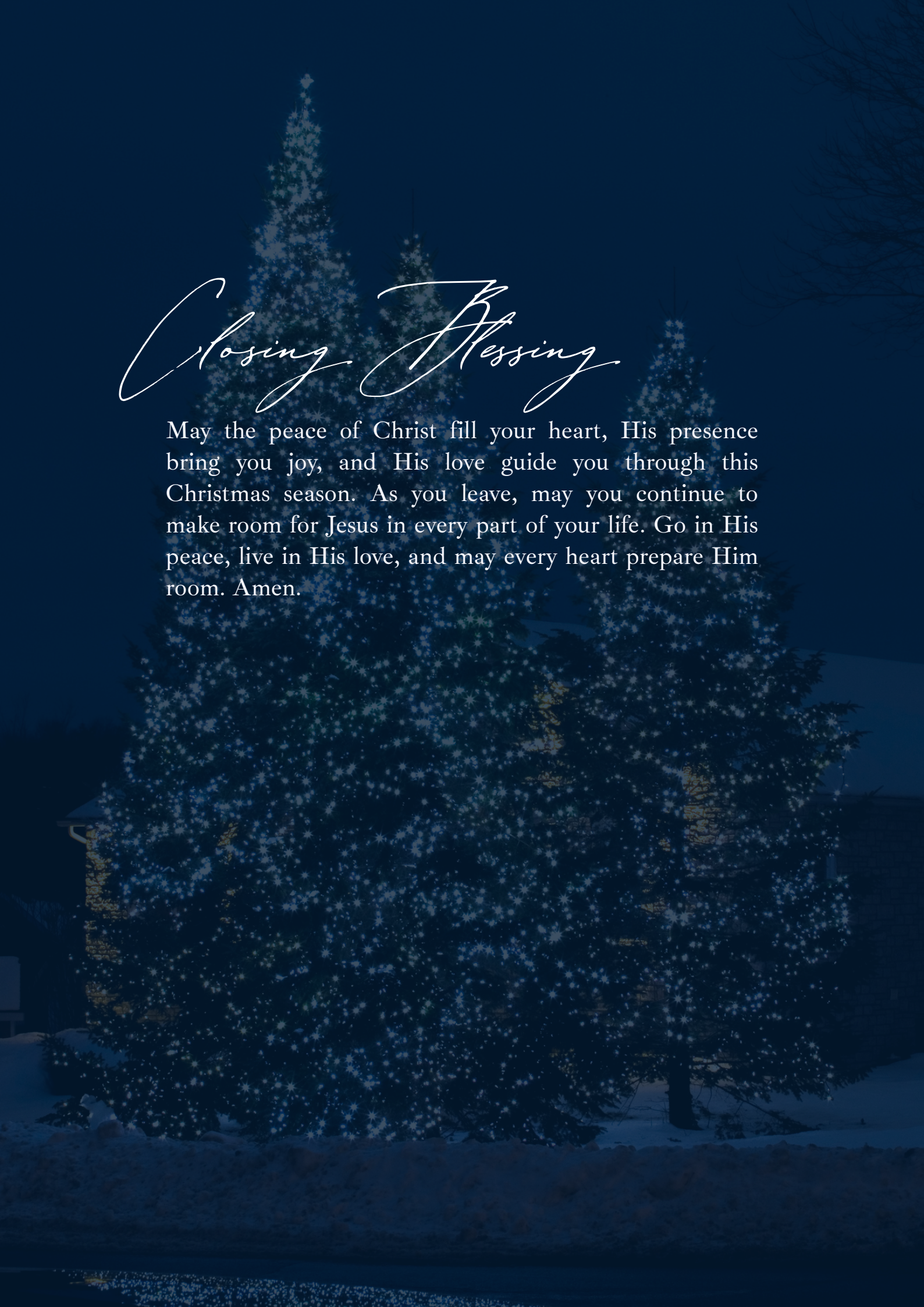


Responsive Activity

Give women the opportunity to write out, or decorate an ornament or simple piece of paper that pledges a time or space they will set aside to be in silence and solitude. Even just ten minutes in the middle of the day!

Give space and time for “alone together” reflection, prayer and commitment.





Closing Blessing

May the peace of Christ fill your heart, His presence bring you joy, and His love guide you through this Christmas season. As you leave, may you continue to make room for Jesus in every part of your life. Go in His peace, live in His love, and may every heart prepare Him room. Amen.

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