



Prayer Focus by Christianna Schreifels
December 18th-24th, 2023

O' Come All Ye Faithful

Christmas is in a week and to me, it just feels like such a different Christmas season than what I experienced before. What about you? It shows the gravity of this symbolic holiday in a deeper way. His indelible mark of grace has deepened on us from the challenging year many in the body of Christ have experienced. As I was praying and seeking the Lord for the topic of this week's prayer focus- I heard the Holy Spirit say, "O come all ye faithful!" At first I thought of the song we sing during this time of year but it wasn't the song God was speaking of. I asked. "What are You saying Lord?" I then heard His still small voice tell me- " I am calling all of mine, unto Me- it is time to draw nearer and remain ever so close to me-" O, come all you who are faithful to Me " I saw a throng of multitudes gather near His throne and we were so close to one another, as little children would gather round Mom and Dad when called to hear some wonderful news they were anticipating to hear. I then heard singing- We were singing alongside the angels that were in the background as we were around His throne and nothing else mattered- the cares of the world and life faded away in His presence.

We were simply desperate for His grace, for His presence. It was all we could do to sing praises to our King in this season. I became overcome with emotion, and I asked the Lord what am I seeing and He said- my children are taking more time to spend in worship and are becoming less occupied with the things of this world. I know this is true for me and some of my dearest friends are experiencing the same sentiment. Praise You LORD! Let us pray for others to join us, Time is short- may we be compelled to share what we have experienced in Christ.

Prayer Points:

- Pray that we step out in faith and are bold in love, to share the gospel with our families this Christmas. It isn't as easy for some as it is for others.
- Pray the souls of our family and friends are being made ready to receive Christ.
- Pray that the cares of the world are becoming dim compared to our time spent with the Lord and we remain mindful of how short the time is for those not knowing Christ.
- Pray that we leave any offense and sin behind so that we see lost loved ones' salvation as most important over our own feelings or circumstances.
- Pray that we choose to be present and be an example of the grace of Christ at Christmas gathering.
- Pray for ears to hear and eyes to see more clearly for this Christmas season

Scriptures: Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.?"

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one should lay down his life for his friends"

Matthew 1:23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him **Emmanuel**," which means "**God is with us.**"

Hebrews 4:16 "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Song: [Jews & Arabs celebrating Jesus as ONE in Jerusalem! - What a beautiful name/O Come all ye Faithful](#)