

Week 16th – 20th December: Christmas

Wisdom from Spiritual Traditions

Then Isaiah said: “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.” (Isaiah 7:13-14)

The angel said to [the shepherds], “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)

The angels said, “O Mary, truly God gives you glad tidings of a Word from Him, whose name is the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary.” (Al-'Imran Q 3:45)

Life in all its fullness – John 10:1-10

Reflection

Gracious God,
as across the world many prepare
to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ,
may we be bearers of your peace and joy.
Let your light so shine that we may radiate hope
for a world made new even as together we long
to find life in its fulness. Amen.

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Monday	Time always seems long to the child who is waiting - for Christmas, for next summer, for becoming a grownup: long also when he surrenders his whole soul to each moment of a happy day. -- Dag Hammarskjold
Tuesday	Christmas is a season not only of rejoicing but of reflection. -- Winston Churchill
Wednesday	God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If he gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it. -- Pope Francis
Thursday	We clap hands and welcome the Peace of Christmas. We beckon this good season to wait a while with us. -- Maya Angelou
Friday	St Paul spoke of the first Christmas as the kindness of God dawning upon the world. The world needs that kindness now more than ever. -- Queen Elizabeth II