

Christmas 2016: Pray for Peace

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You don't have to be a Christian, or person of faith, to make a joyful noise this Christmas. You just have to be someone who has hope and someone who believes that humankind is capable of rising above basic instincts, and making Gallup and McKinley County, and the world, better places to live.

Christmas is the celebration of the triumph of love over hatred, greed and division. It is a time when we should all try and practice what is preached during what is a giving season and a season that is about the theme of peace on earth and goodwill to humankind.

Christmastime is the perfect time to get fired up about life and humankind, even when it seems that gloom and doom dominate the news headlines. The Christmas story tells us about God and how He sent his only son to live among men and light the way for us. It describes how the Christ Child was born in a crude stable in Bethlehem on a day when a host of angels proclaimed glory to God and peace on earth toward everyone.

The symbolism is simple, yet powerful. It's appropriate for people of all ages and backgrounds. Now is the time to acknowledge the better sides of humankind and to become sources of light and stewards of goodwill. It is a time to offer prayers for the brave men and women in uniform, who have dedicated their lives to keeping the peace amongst us.

May everyone find comfort and enjoyment this Christmas. The true spirit of giving is embracing generosity and compassion throughout the year.

It's true: It's in giving that we receive. Happy Holidays!

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