

# 2019 *Holiday Greetings*



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# The Pregnancy of Advent:

December 1st is a very significant date in American history because on that date in 1955 Rosa Parks refused to move to the "back of the bus." This date is recognized as the beginning of the American Civil Rights Movement.

December 1, 2019 is also a very significant date because on that Sunday we began our 24-day Advent spiritual journey to prepare for the arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ - you know - Christmas. I think it is incumbent upon us to ask, "Will I be ready?" And, if not, "why should I get ready?"

Rosa Parks, who never had any children, was thrust into the limelight and most of us grew up learning her story. The Holy Mother of God, Mary, had one child, Jesus Christ, who is the Light of the world and most of us grew up learning His story.

Now, imagine if you will, especially those who celebrate birthdays in this time, a woman's pregnancy paralleling that of Mary's. Think of the preparation women go through in anticipation of the arrival of their child. Doctor's ap-

pointments, baby showers, preparing the baby's room, completely readjusting their lives in preparation to receive another, and being open to receive so much from so many friends.

Christians for centuries have honored Mary, the mother-to-be. I wonder how she prepared? I can only imagine that, like women all over the world, she did feel some anxiety in her pregnancy, labor and birth. I wonder if she had pain? A Doctrine of the Catholic Church says that she was free from sin - not pain.

Consider preparing like your own mother did in anticipation of your birth. Consider preparing like Mary did in anticipation of the birth of her child - our Savior.

Let us give up the illusion of control so many believe in. Let us surrender our will to the will of God and use this Advent as a time for the salvation of our souls. Let us, like pregnant women, be open to receive. If not for yourself - at least do it for the souls of your children.

**Fr. Steve Gallagher,**  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church



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## SMS/WHS Christmas concert

High school student Jade Balansag speaking at the Stikine Middle School and Wrangell High School Christmas Concert on Dec. 10.

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## Mrs. Davies' 3rd Grade

**Dear Santa,**  
I have three wishes to ask you!  
My first wish is that we should give wealth to the poor in every place in the whole earth. My second wish is that my oldest brother will get enough money and his paperwork to go to Wrangell, which I live there. My last wish is that I can get enough money soon so I

can buy and own a bakery so I can earn money for a house. Those are my wishes for you!!  
*-Sincerely,  
Chrysalis B.*

**Dear Santa,**  
I got three wishes for you. One wish for the world, one wish for someone else, and one wish for myself. This one is for the world. Everyone always pollutes and does bad things in the

world. So my first wish is for people to take care of the Earth. My second wish is for someone else. Brogan is always mean to my older brother and sister. So my second wish is for Brogan not to be mean to my older brother and sister. My third wish is for myself. I am always losing my temper all the time and I couldn't help it. So my final wish is for me to keep my temper. These are all my wishes (do not tell anyone, because they're secret wishes.)  
*-Sincerely,  
Angus F. Booker.*

ent. I wish I can have a hoverboard 1 because my sister's hoverboard broke. I really feel bad for my sister's hoverboard 1. Santa, do you get any presents?  
*-Cheryl*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for all the world that global warming would stop. I wish for someone else their lung cancer will go away. I wish for myself I have a good X-mas.  
*-From Everett*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish that everybody on the planet can be nice to each other. I wish that Emily had more friends. I wish that Emily would stop being mean to me.  
*-Sincerely,  
Carter*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish that the world can help those who are hurt. I wish that you can bring my mom a pres-

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for the word that people would stop littering and eating meat. I wish for someone else that they could be with their family and get a job. I wish for my family to be together for Christmas!  
P.S. Merry Christmas to all!!!!  
*-From, Jimmy*

**Dear Santa,**  
How are you? I'm good. My wish for the world is that the world gets more plants. My wish for someone else is that my brother gets a nintendo switch. My one wish for me is that I get an American girl doll. Thank you by,  
*-From Delilah R.*

**Dear Santa,**  
I have three different wishes for you. My first wish is for the world to get what they wish for. My second wish is for Kailyn to have a joyful present. My last wish is for my family to have a Merry Christmas. Anyway, how is it at the North Pole? Is the reindeer doing o.k.? Are the elves doing fine?  
O.k. bye.  
*-From, Mckenzie*

**Dear Santa,**  
For the world I would like peace. I wish for someone to get a home. I wish for myself money to give to the poor.  
*-From DJ*

**Dear Santa,**  
3 words. How are you? Plus, How's Rudolph? Hope he's

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# Mrs. Davies' 3rd Grade

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"lighting" everyone up! So anyway, I have 3 wishes! My first wish is for the world. I wish that everyone in the world believes in God. My second wish is for Angus. I wish his sores in his mouth would be better. My last wish is for myself. I wish for a Nintendo Switch ( with some games to go along with it.) That's all I want to wish for. **BYE!!!!**

*-Sincerely,  
Brogan*



**Dear Santa,**

Hope your reindeer are doing good. Here are my three wishes. My first wish is that everyone has a house.

My second wish is that my big sister Hannah has a computer that supports a drawing tablet. My final wish is that I could have enough money for a gallery. Bye Santa!

*-Sincerely,  
Marlo Bunes*

**Dear Santa,**

How is the weather in the North Pole? Cold, right? I have three wishes. My first wish is for everyone to have a roof over

their head. My second wish is for my best friend Lynnea to like the present I got her.

My last wish is for me. I want lots of money for Christmas.

*-Sincerely,  
From Arabella L. Nore*

**Dear Santa,**

One wish for the world is to stop pollution. One wish for Arabella is for her to be happy all the time.

One wish for me is that my sisters and brothers to be nicer to everybody.

*-From Lynnea*

**Dear Santa,**

I hope you're doing good. I wish for Ms. Davies to have a good Christmas. A wish for the world is to stop global warming. I wish for a surprise.

*-From Clara*

**Dear Santa,**

How is Mrs. Claus and the reindeer? My first wish for the world is that they save Global Warming because animals are going extinct. My second wish is for my sister, Amura, that her asthma stops.

My third wish is for me. I want to be the next president! I will make Global Warming stop by myself. I will declare if even if I have to do 100,000 pieces of paperwork! I will do it even if I get fired! I will not let global Warming stop all life in Antarctica. I hope you have a very, very, very, very, very, very, very Merry Christmas! Tell Mrs. Claus to have a very Merry Christmas, too! Also, tell the reindeer they will probably get carrots this very Merry Christmas! And of course you will get your cookies and eggnog! Your biggest fan, Kaiya.

*-Yours truly,  
Kaiya Dorothy Rohr*

**Dear Santa,**

I wish the world will be full of good. 2. I wish for my mommy to have a pair of silver dolphin earrings. 3. One for me I wish for a pair of golden dolphin earrings. How are the reindeer? How are you?

*-Love, Alyssia Jade  
Roundtree, Merry Christmas*

**Dear Santa,**

I hope you are doing well. I only want one thing. I want an ipod, world peace, and my parents to have a week off of work.

*-Love, Peyton Young*

**Dear Santa,**

I wish everybody in the world will have a good Christmas. I wish for my mom and dad they will have a good Christmas. For myself I hope I

have a good Christmas.

*-From, Kai*

**Dear Santa,**

I wish the world could be a better place. I wish for Troy

that he got ice cream whenever he wants. I wish that the grass was cotton candy in Alaska.

*-From Jacoby*

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## Christmas is about the message

Sunday, December 1st was the start of the Advent Season! Sometimes it gets a bit too busy. SOMETIMES! I am not talking about the Christmas parties, food, decorating, gift buying and giving gifts, eating too much sweet goodies! I am talking about how we as Christians get too busy. Too busy to remember Christmas. To remember the incredibleness and the tiny simple parts.

As church leaders, congregation members, whatever the title or lack thereof, we can get overwhelmed. Overwhelmed with details that distract us from the heart of Christmas. An example I have is a very personal one. The Wrangell Presbyterians are noted for NOT being musically gifted. Our wonderful piano player is leaving for a month. She gave us plenty of advance notice of this. So, I get to find someone to play for a month. Got lucky, first person I asked said yes.... but one of the services this person could not play at was our annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. So off I go asking others. Not so lucky this time. So being a good servant of Christ's.... I prayed. Nope! I panicked! I worried! I silently fretted! Then I prayed. All is better now! No, I do not have someone to play. No, I have not found a solution. No, I still have the same problem, the one I had since the beginning of this dilemma. But the difference was that now I have peace.

The all-important Christmas Eve service is NOT about the piano! Or the player! Or whether I get all the details lined up just right! It is about the message. The event that took place so long ago. In that simple setting. The coming of God to earth as a little human baby. So....my message....My message is to not "sweat" the details. God has those under control. He really does! We need to be quiet, be still and listen. Listen for that quiet voice of God. Remember all of us who do or don't have training, we all are disciples of Christ! Yes, we are and he has called us all! HE is not leaving us in a void. HE has given us all we need to share HIS love and HIS message. Rest in that. And if we need a piano to do this somehow that will also be provided. And God gave all of us talents we need to use the best we can. He really doesn't care how it looks or sounds, but how it is in our hearts and our actions.

So happy decorating, gifting, eating, baking, and singing... whether you are good or not....be the best that God has made you to be.

**Pastor Nettie Covalt, First Presbyterian Church**

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## Mrs. Angerman's Kindergarten

Dear Santa,

My name is Jake. Something I was wondering about was where do you get your magic from? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are I helped my parents with cleaning under the table for breakfast. Also, I've been extra nice to my brother. Something that I would love to give someone this year is to give my brother some of my Hotwheels. I have pretty cool Hotwheels. Something that I would love to get this year is Laser X Nerf Gun.

Love, Jake

Dear Santa,

My name is Sophie Andrews. Something I was wondering about was are elves creatures or people? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I helped my sister clean her room. Something that I would love to give someone this year is give my mom loves. Something that I



would love to get this year is iPhone 11 max pro.

Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,

My name is Griffey. Something I was wondering about was are elves creatures or people? What do you do in the summer? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I helped my mom remember things? Something that I would love to give someone this year is Sophie a gerbil. Kard \$100. Mommy a break. Something that I would love to get this year is

iPhone 11 max pro, Xbox and shopkins.

Love, Griffey

Dear Santa,

My name is Kyler. Something I was wondering about was are elves creatures or people? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I let my brother play with my crayons and I shared my iPad with my brother so he could have it for 12 minutes. Something that I would love to give someone this year is give my GG a special book. Something that I would love to

get this year is Rockem Sockem Robots.

Love, Kyler

Dear Santa,

My name is Athena. Something I was wondering about was do any other reindeer have a red nose? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I'm good when I play with my friends. I play with my dog. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my mom a new necklace. Something that I would love to get this year is a toy car.

Love, Athena

Dear Santa,

My name is Clay. Something I was wondering about as how do your reindeer fly? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I help take care of my baby brother. I helped my sister clean her room. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my baby brother a toy boat. Something that I would love to get this year is a sword.

Love, Clay

Dear Santa,

My name is Kara Joy Heller. Something I was wondering about was do any other reindeer have a red nose? Are elves creatures or people? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I helped my sister clean her room. I helped my mom cook some food. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my sister a new job. My sister a Stranger Things phone case. Something that I would love to get this year is iPhone 11 max pro.

Love, Kara

Dear Santa,

My name is Skyler. Something I was wondering about was how do reindeer fly? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are cleaning and chores. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my mom a new sharpie. Some-

thing that I would love to get this year is a toy train.

Love, Skyler

Dear Santa,

My name is Oliver. Something that I was wondering about was are elves creatures or people? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I help. I helped my mom cook some food. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my mom more hugs. Something that I would love to get this year is toy cars.

Love, Oliver

Dear Santa,

My name is Hailey. Something I was wondering about was do any other reindeer have a red nose? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I helped my sister Marin clean her room. Something that I would love to give someone this year is Abby. I would like to give her some of my hatchimals because I have a lot! Something that I would love to get this year is Shopkins because I only have like 1 somewhere.

Love, Hailey

Dear Santa,

My name is Taber. Something I was wondering about was how do reindeer fly? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I help my friends if they get lost. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my sister Sidney. I would love to spend more time with her. Something that I would love to get this year is Hatchimals. That is my very, very top list.

Love, Taber

Dear Santa,

My name is Dylan. Something I was wondering about was how do elves make presents? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I clean my bedroom and help my mom bake cookies. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my mom a new mop! Something that I would love to get this year is Legos because I really like them.

Love, Dylan

Dear Santa,

My name is Jude. Something I was wondering about was how fast do the elves make the presents? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I helped my mom cook food. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my Nana a new necklace. Something that I would love to get this year is a Nintendo Switch.

Love, Jude

Dear Santa,

My name is Piper Bunes. Something I was wondering about was what is your favorite food? I have been so good this year. A couple things that I have done that have been nice are: I did the dishes when I wasn't supposed to. It's so hard work I've only been a teeny tiny bit naughty. Something that I would love to give someone this year is my mom a day off of work vacation. Something that I would love to get this year is LOL glitter series dolls.

Love, Piper

# Christmas Greetings

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# Mrs. Davies' 5th Grade Master Kindness

## An Act Of Kindness

I could make somebody's day by going and talking to the elderly. I could go down to the Long Term Care and talk to some of them. My dad might be able to take me there to some people I can talk to. I occasionally talk to older people at church. This is important because some of the more elderly people have less people to talk to.

*Addy Bania*

## Adopting

If I could do one kind thing for any person in the world it would be to adopt when I am older. I still have to wait like twenty years though until I can adopt. It would probably make that child's day whether they remember it or not. This is important because all children deserve a good family and home. I want to adopt because I was inspired by my mom's friend in Canada.

*Madelyn Davies*

## Labrador Ducks and Great Auks

If I could do something kind for someone I would help scientists bring the extinct Labrador duck (Pied duck) and Great Auk back to life. I would do it so they could make new searches in genetic modification and understand the Labrador ducks and Great Auks much more than we know right now (pretty much nothing at the moment). If I had the choice I would do it right now because we have the capabilities to do so. I would transplant the Labrador duck to Alaska and The Northern Atlantic coast. I would transplant the Great Auk to Canada's Atlantic coasts. I would put them in these places because it was were they lived before they went extinct.

*Jackson Carney*

## Kindness

If I could do one kind thing for any one person in the world, it would be a nice elderly lady that I see every time I walk to basketball practice after school. The one thing that I would do is smile to her and wave to her through her window. Then I hope she waves back. I will do it at the bird houses. I will do it because I think it will make her feel happy.

*Alana Harrison*

## Kindness

One time I did a kind thing for my Nana. I helped her carry a whole bunch of food to the car. I also helped my Grandma and Grandpa Great carry casseroles and a whole bunch of food up our stairs for a dinner that we had. The time I helped my Nana was when she made salsa and other foods. We were also going to help set up for the ladies dinner. I helped a LOT. My Nana carried the rest of the food. The time I helped my Grandpa and Grandma Great was when I carried some casseroles up the steep stairs for them to the house. It had a cool carrier. Those are some of the times that I was



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## Carolers

Wrangell High School students singing Christmas carols outside of Ottesen's.



either give them some money, a gift card to get some food from a local fast food place, or to get them some shelter. An umbrella would work too, to keep out of the rain.

The year was 2017 (I think.) I was in Seattle driving to a hang-out. We were in a red rental car, a new Toyota Yaris. We were stuck in congested traffic, and came to a complete stop. There was a guy standing there in tattered, dirty clothes. He had a stained cardboard sign that said (I still remember this) "ANYTHING HELPS".

My mom got her wallet, gave me three one-dollar bills, and I rolled down my window. I gave him the three dollars, and he looked so happy. He told me, "Thank you so much! God bless you."

We drove away. I felt wholesome.

*Hailey Cook*

*Andrei Siekawitch*

## Kindness

If I could do one kind thing for anyone person in the world, I would write encouraging letters to people who are in tough situations. For people who are missing home, lost a family member, or going through hard times.

For example, I wrote a letter to a graduate. She is a good friend of mine and she is now in college. I wrote this letter to her as a school project. I think this was a good thing because she might have been missing home. It also feels good to know that somebody is thinking about you. I would also make these letters personal to let them know that someone is thinking about them.

*Sydney Young*

## Helping Someone in Need

If I could do one kind thing for anyone in the world, it would be to help a homeless person. To

## A Kind Thing

If I could do one kind thing for anyone in the world I would bake cookies for an elderly woman who we walk by every day. We are not related, but she is really nice. I want to make Christmas cookies for her. There is a paraprofessional that works at the school and her name is Laurie she visits her. I want to make them and give them to Laurie so she can give them to the elderly woman. It is important so she can watch "Live P.D" with a snack.

*Jackson Pearson*

## When I Was Kind

If I could do one kind thing for someone it would be to do the dishes without my mom asking me. That is because she works really hard for me, Trevyn, and Maddilyn. This is important

because I would be grounded less and she would be happy.

*Aadyn Gillen*

## Kindness

If I could do one kind thing, I would play the violin for the people at Long Term Care. I would play for the elderly peo-

ple. Once in a while, all the violin kids play their violin for the elderly people. The reason why we play for the elderly people is because they can't just get up and leave to go to a concert. So we bring the concert to them. We play at Long Term Care. Our vi-

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## CELEBRATE THE MIRACLE!



Guided by the Star of the East, three wise men traveled far to see the newborn child, bringing their precious gifts.

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*~ The Stikine Drug Family: Stephen, Donna, Nicholas & Josie*

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## Mrs. Davies' 5th Grade Master Kindness

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olin teacher needs to set up the time, then we arrive. Then all the violin kids show up and play their hearts out.

*Natalia Ashton*

### Kindness

If I could do one kind thing, I would help my mom clean. No one helps her clean, except most of the time I take out the garbage, do the laundry, and load and unload the dishwasher. Today I am going to help her get the Christmas lights out of the attic. My

mom would love if I helped her because I never want to do chores. It is good to be kind because you should help everyone.

*Everett Meissner*

### Kindness

If I could do one kind thing for anyone in the world, I would help someone in the Wrangell Senior Apartments! One lady in particular. She is a really nice person who my friends and I see on our walk from school. We always go see the birds by the senior center and we always wave. She

is really nice. We don't talk to her we just wave and smile.

The kind thing we might do is bake cookies for her! I want to do this because she is so nice. So I want to pay her back by baking cookies! I hope she will enjoy them!

*Sophia Martinsen*

### My Kind Idea

A time I was kind is when I gave money to a homeless person. He had a sign that said, "please help". I gave him one dollar and said, "I hope your day is better now sir". I would give him a lot more if I could. After that I kept thinking about all the homeless people in the world and how they are suffering. Then I got an idea.

I would have a food drive and accept donations then when I have enough food I would have an event to feed the homeless. Then as they leave give them water, food, money, clothes, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other things.

I really wanted to do this because I wanted to make a difference in the world. There was so much violence in the world I wanted to have peace, just once. Also no one deserves to be treated like that. We are all human and equal. Also they deserve a chance in the world. We are all family either we like it or not and we are all equal.

*Hannah Gardner*

### Kindness = Fun

If I could do one kind thing for any person in the world, I would help my friend, who is a fourth grade student, if she is feeling sad. A fourth grade student was sad on the playground, so I went over and asked her to play with me and my friends. It is important because it made her happy, and making someone happy is kindness.

*Elena Haines*

### Kindness

I helped my dad with groceries, when my dad bought a bunch of groceries I helped him bring them in. When my dad brought food for Thanksgiving, I carried in the apple cider. My dad made food on Thanksgiving and I helped him make the turkey. We also made some ham. I helped him make food for my family. I am helpful because I helped my dad make food for a



## Christmas, to give or receive?

Of course every kid on the planet knows it's far better to be on the receiving end of things, especially at Christmas. The older and mature may realize academically the concept. The genuinely experienced knows the value of the love, mercy, grace, and sacrifice that is required in giving. By experienced, I mean those who have suffered a need to then have been miraculously blessed themselves. Seems to me, better to be the one sharing at the time of hardship than the one in need. It also seems the most generous have experienced great want and now have found a wealth of giving opportunities. Luke records the words of Jesus in Acts 20:35, "it's more blessed to give than receive." All can give when they first give of themselves. 2 Corinthians 8:5

*Pastor Doug Shoultz,  
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*Alexis Easterly*

### Kindness

If I would help someone it would be Alana's Uncle Gregg Wilson by giving him money for his cancer. I would give the money to Alana so she can send it to her uncle. I would do it so he would get better. I would give him one hundred dollars so he can spend more time with his family. It would make him feel happier because he will get to spend more time with his family.

*Sawyer Rooney*

### Kind

If I could do one kind thing for anyone, I would do it to my old soccer coach in Anchorage. I am going to do it because he helped me get active. He is the best coach. I don't remember his name because it was a long time ago. The way I would be kind is buy him a ticket to a soccer game. It is going to be in a real stadium! Don't forget to be kind!

*Dakota Holder*

### An Act Of Kindness

If I could do one kind thing I would give my brother a certain birthday present. I would give him a game called Terraria. I would give it to him at our house. I would give it to him because that's one of his favorite games. It's important because it's almost Christmas.

*Caleb Leatherland*

### The Hugs

If I could do one kind thing for any one person in the world, I would give a hug to my grandma, Rose because she is in the hospital. It would make her happy. Hugs make you happy.

*Michael Shilts*

### Kindness

If I could do one kind thing for anyone, I would be kind to my friend who is in my class. I would help him when he is in a tough situation. I would let him stay at my house for a couple nights. It will make him feel better. I would play games with him to make him feel better.

*Greggy Gifford*

### An Act of Kindness

I could change the world by helping endangered animals, like Gorillas by encouraging people to stop poaching them, hunting them, and not have them in zoos. I think it's important because there are only 200 left in the world. It is kind because the Gorilla population would go up.

*Kasey Whitaker*

### Choose Kind

I remember the time I helped an elderly lady cross the street. She was coming out of the store. She needed to use a cane so I decided to help her. I helped the lady when she dropped some food in the street. A car was coming and I quickly came up and picked up her food and gave it to her. The lady was very happy and I walked her home. She started crying and offered to pay me for some reason but I said no. I helped the lady because I didn't want her to go home with nothing to eat. You need to do kind acts for kindness to come straight back at you!

*Brody Hommel*

### Kind

One kind thing I did for someone is helping everyone in Mr. Howe's class with writing. One thing that is important about being kind is so the person does not feel sad. I also like to help people with math. I think it is fun. I really thanked Sophia because she taught me how to do long division. So I started helping people. I love helping people.

*Jamie Thompson*

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# Ms. Jenkins 2nd Grade

**Dear Santa,**

I have been nice this year. I really badly need a new tablet because it was cracked. I really badly want a gaming set up. How old are you?

*-from Carsy*

**Dear Santa,**

I have been very good after the two sheets, but I want an xbox. 1 with 3 controllers. I need

for my dog to have a better life. And can I have a booster box? Question how do you reindeer fly.

*-your friend, Jonathan*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like a big L.O.L. surprise and xbox one. I need more books. My question is how can you go in the houses where there

is no chimney?

*-Love Emily*

**Dear Santa,**

I have been nice this year and can I please have a Jet cart? Can I also have a elf on the shelf? I need socks! Question? How old are you?

*-from Tommy*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like a new baby doll. I would like new baby doll cribs please. I need new pants please. I was wondering what are your reindeer names?

*-Love, Vanessa*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have bee nice. I would like an Xbox 360 this year. I also want Laegos this year. I need a new water bottle please. How do your reindeer fly?

*-Love, Daniel*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been good. I want for christmas is a tablet. And I want for christmas is lego star wars. Santa I have a question how much cookies and milk can you eat in one night? Also, do you know my family yes or no?

*-From Brayden*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. Can I have a miney car that kids can go in and can it be a blue one? Can I have 20 LOL's surprises? Do your rainbeer actually fly? Yes or no?

*-Sincerely from Cynthia*

**Dear Santa,**

I have tried my best to be nice! I want a xbox 1 and controler x3 and head sets X4 please. Please one more Elf on a shelf I need a go cart x2 please. How do you communicate with your elves.

*-Sincerely, Gabriel D. Howell*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like new cat quest 2 on the pc this year. I also want an xbox 1 please. Need new head phones! I was wonder Santa how do your reindeer fly?

*-Sincerely Jamison*

**Dear Santa,**

This your I have been nice. I would like a new xbox. I would like a new gocart. How old are you?

*-I love you Connor*

**Dear Samtu,**

This year I have been nice. I want a baseball please. I want a basketball hoop that hangs on doors too. I need a pocketknife. Santa how old are you?

*-Sincerly, Baylee*

**Dear Santa,**

I want you to know I have been nice this year. I want a

puppy a real one? I want a dork diaries pack. I don't need any thing. How meny elves do you have?

*-Love, Ayla Harris*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like a new pair of shoes. I also want a lot of kittens. I want to have earrings that math my sister's. And I want a puppy. How many reindeer do you have?

*-From Cadence*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like to live with Gabe. I also want to go to disneyland. I don't need much but maybe you can help one of my frends. I was wondering how old are you?

*-Sincerely, Love Derek*

**Dear Santa,**

I want you to know I have been nice. This year can you bring me LOL dolls and a baby

kitten, a real one?

I need a home work table. What are your reindeer names?

*-Love, Mads*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I want loegos please. I also want and RC car. I need a drill so I can build. How many elves do you have?

*-From Quinton*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like a tv for my bedroom this year. I also want to be a good kid for my mom and dad. I need my brothers to stop yelling at me. What are your elves names?

*-Love, Claire*

**Dear Santa,**

This year I have been nice. I would like art stuff please. I also want some hatchamals. I need a new cage for my bunny. What's your elves name?

*-Sincerely, Lily*



## Santa letter-writing secrets

At the tip of the North Pole resides a jolly man who collects letters from children asking him to deliver all of their hearts' desires. Although Santa Claus does a thorough job of making sure children's treats are delivered on the same night, sometimes he needs assistance with reading and responding to the thousands upon thousands of letters sent to him each year. That is why he often relies on an extensive list of helpers to handle much of his holiday correspondence.

According to the Smithsonian, the practice of writing to St. Nick dates back more than 150 years. Early depictions of Santa show him as a disciplinarian. The first Christmastime Santa letters were actually sent by Santa, rather than the other way around. Such letters encouraged children to be good boys and girls. Eventually, an illustration by Thomas Nast depicted "Santaclausville, N.P." as Santa's address, providing children with a place where they could send their correspondences to the big guy in red.

The Universal Postal Union, an intergovernmental organization that coordinates postal policies across 192 member nations, indicates that 1,350,000 letters to Santa were sent by Canadians, while Americans sent more than one million and Britains mailed roughly 800,000 such letters in 2012, the most recent year from which figures are available. To account for the staggering number of letters sent, various post offices and postal programs were established to help Santa with the task of tackling children's wish lists.

In 2016, the USPS instituted a new letter-writing option that enables parents or guardians to include a personalized response letter back to children who address letters to Santa. The package can be postmarked to: North Pole Postmark Postmaster, 4141 Postmark Drive, Anchorage, AK 99530-9998.

Many other letters to Santa end up routing to various post offices where thousands of volunteer "elves" can adopt letters and make children's wishes come true. A "Letters to Santa" program enables children in serious need to get items that can help keep them safe and happy.

Parents may also investigate a number of services that will provide letters from Santa, Mrs. Claus or elves for nominal fees. These letters can be personalized with details. Santa has even gone high-tech with personalized videos and pictures as well. A quick web search can yield the instructions on how prospective helpers can get started.

Children can improve their chances of letters being read and received, with these tips.

- Identify who is writing the letter and share some details about your life.
- Make sure you've been nice and well-behaved.
- Ask Santa how he has been and engage in some polite conversation.
- Politely ask for the toys you'd like. Understand that Santa is busy, so keep the list brief.
- Thank Santa in advance for his kindness. Hopefully, he'll have time to reply.
- Write and mail the letter as early as possible, as things tend to get busy as Christmas nears.

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# Ms. Brown's 2nd/3rd Grade Class Christmas wish list

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like you to get my mom new makeup. I would like you to get Saylor Welch a new blanket. I would like a black hoverboard.

*Love, Asher Hasliq*

**Dear Santa,**  
Can you get Dayne a very scary movie? Can you get Asher a basketball and same black basketball shoes and I want a hoverboard.

*Love, Saylor Welch*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish to get my dad a Seahawks shirt and hat and I want to get my mom a dress and

purse. I want to get Jayden some hot wheels and Nerf gun. I want a Xbox 1 and a police lego set.

*Love, Logan Jansson*

**Dear Santa,**  
I hope you will get my baby brother some baby toys. I wish you would get Akenna a crystal set and a makeup set. I would like some new shoes and some clothes and some toys.

*Love, Erika Jabusch*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for my mom to get her a necklace for her. I wish for Erika for new shoes and clothes. I wish for myself is a

crystals and makeup too.

*Love, Akenna Lewis*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for my brother to get a Nerf gun I wish for Logan to get a Minecraft Xbox. I wish for you to bring me a Minecraft toy.

*Love, Michael Barnes*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish a good health for my dad mom brothers and grandma and grandpa. I wish Houston to be happy every day at the school. I wish to have Red Dead Redemption this Christmas its a robot.

*Love, Waylin Grey*

**Dear Santa,**  
I would like to get my mom and dad a coffee cup. I would like to get my friend a toy horse. I would like a horse barn because I love horses.

*Love, Jenna Meissner*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for my mom to get a robot that cooks stuff. I wish Nathen gets one of the eggs that he wanted with Legos and slime. I wish I get a robot that makes me cookies and toys. Yay. Wow yay.

*Love, Madison Robinson*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want to give my mom new clothes for work. I wish for Erika for new clothes and shoes. I wish for myself to raise money for my school.

*Love, Jocelynn Smith*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for my mom a nice Hydroflask please. I wish for

Jorden a card saying "You will stay in Wrangell" I really hope. Now, I hope that I get a robodog for Christmas.

*Love, Stella Bunes*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want give more to my parents they do so much for me. My wish for a classmate is for everyone to get what they want for Christmas. A wish for myself is for everyone homeless is to stay warm this time of year.

*Love, Charlie Nelson*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish for my brother to have a TV stand. I wish for Jocelyn to have a slime. I wish for a red garnet.

*Love, Ethan Whitaker*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish my sister could have a baby doll. I wish Kailee could have a Pikmipops. I wish I could have a necklace.

*Love, Jemma Thompson*

**Dear Santa,**  
Can you give my mom a new phone? Can you give Waylin a Dogman book? I wish for a Dogman book the new one?

*Love, Houston Natt*

**Dear Santa,**  
I wish my mom can have an Eeyore onesie. I wish that Jemma can have a Nintendo Switch. I wish that I can have a LOL house.

*Love, Kailee Roundtree*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want you to get my sister Hatchimals. I want you to get my friend Jacoby a Yu-Gi-Oh deck. Can you get me a Bakagan balls?

*Love, Zander Bartlett*

**Dear Santa,**  
I want to get my Uncle John a really good working light. And the light is called a spot light. I want to make my friend Ryder a picture for Ryder my friend Ryder. Santa I really really want a handle held Nintendo Switch!

*Love, Jayden Daughtery*



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## In this season

2019 has been a very disheartening year around our house, when it comes to sports! At present, our team has a 1% chance of making the playoffs, and before this is even published, that may have turned to 0%. And no, we will not be changing teams. We are die hard, dedicated fans! Fortunately, each year after a disappointing season, comes the next season and hope.

When Jesus was born, the people had been waiting for the "Messiah" to be born. The one who would save them and be their deliverer. He would bring the hope they were waiting for. And then it happened!! The King was born!! While this was "Good News to ALL people," the current circumstances did not immediately change. Yes, the Messiah had been born. Hope had been born, but hope had to grow. There would not be an immediate take over or a change in leadership. Instead, there would be a time of waiting.

Currently, the season you may be in, even with all the celebrations, could seem the darkest it has ever been. Hold on, even when the odds are against you. The promise of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy are growing. While the "chances" of change may "seem" out of this world, that is where the "Hope," the Messiah came from... out of this world. However, He came to be Immanuel, God with us. Here to help us through the most difficult times. There is Hope! Allow it to grow in you this season, and remember, URLoved!

**Pastor Kem Haggard,  
Harbor Light**

*Wishing everyone  
a Merry Christmas  
and a smooth ride  
through the New Year*

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## Mrs. Wilson's 1st Grade: *Our family Christmas Traditions*

**Tegan Kuntz**— Some Christmas traditions we do are put hot cocoa out for Santa and carrots out for his reindeer, and then my sister and I make presents for each other. It is fun!

**Maria Holder** — My family traditions are that my brother Dakota and I put up the Christmas tree ornaments and then we get to open one present on Christmas Eve. Then we go to bed and wait for Santa. That makes me happy!

**Ryleigh Franks** — One tradition we have is that if there is snow we go sledding on Christmas Eve. We also put up our tree and put lights on our tree. It is super fun!

**Mariah Carney** — At Christmas time I put my Christmas tree up and then I put on the ornaments. I put my nutcracker up and my snowman on the desk with my elf. I also put my stocking up. I can't wait for Christmas!

**Duncan Scambler** — My family puts up the Christmas tree together. We put up the lights, then the decorations, then we put on the star! I can't wait for Christmas!

**Ava Lawrence** — We watch a movie together as a family. We bake a bunch of cookies, and Elena and I get up late on Christmas morning. It is fun!

**Verity Waddington** — We put up our Christmas tree and decorate it. My mom puts up the stockings. We have so much fun. This year I'm putting out cookies for Santa and maybe carrots for his reindeer!

**Malachi Harrison** — Our family tradition is to set up the Christmas tree together. We put on the lights, and we put the ornaments on. We also read a Christmas story every night of December. It feels so good!

**Rian Guggenbickler** — Me and my mom put up the Christmas tree and the decorations and we put the lights on it too. I have a lot of fun!

**Chandler Roane** — My family traditions are that we drink hot chocolate, we wrap presents, we decorate the tree, and we spy on Santa! Our new tradition is making cookies for Santa and putting them out with milk. I am excited!

**Annika Gillen** — We put up our Christmas tree. We put up our stockings by the Christmas tree, and we put on the ornaments. We put out cookies for Santa, and after opening our presents we go outside to play in the snow. We had a great day!

**Hailey Bartlett** — We get the cookies out. We get the cups of almond milk and we get the tree. We like it! It was awesome! Zan-



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### Evergreen Christmas concert

Elementary students Aadyn Gillen, Sydney Young, and Madelyn Davies performing at Evergreen Elementary's Christmas concert on Dec. 12.

der is snoring at night when we sleep.

**Brooke Ostrander** — My Christmas tradition with my Mom, Dad, and Marcus is to make cookies and we put out cookies and milk for Santa. We also make Santas out of cloth and cut a hole to put candy inside of them.

**Violet Allen** — We go to bed, then Santa comes. We give Santa a cookie. We do our stockings, and we open presents. We go to Grandma's and Aunt Angela's. I like spending time with family.

**Jonah Hurst** — We put the carrots on the table. We put the tree up and then we sleep. We put cookies out on the table for Santa and it is good! I'm excited about giving and getting presents!

**Brodie Bernier** — My Christmas tradition is we all get on my Mom's bed and she shows us a map of where Santa goes on her phone, and pictures of Santa. The next morning there are presents from Santa. I'm so excited for Christmas!

**Tymber Haslip** — Our Christmas tradition is to put our Christmas tree up. Then my sis-

ters and me set out cookies, milk, and carrots for Santa and his reindeer. We also hang out stockings. We are going to try and

catch Santa in the act this year. We put up a Grinch motion sensor that says, "Merry Christmas."

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**Meeting Santa**

Kyler (right) and Maddox Angerman (left), along with several other children, got to meet Santa Claus during Midnight Madness this year.

**Season of Christmas**

Ho, ho, ho, bright eyes of children, tree lighting, jolly shopping.

Yes, these and many other things make up the season of Christmas. We all get a sense of excitement at this time of year. We love this time of year because people seem to be at their best. We love each other more at Christmas. We care about each other's feelings just a bit more.

But why is it that we do this, why do we wait until the year is coming to an end? Remember we have 365 days to do the same thing. Well, I can't speak for everyone but maybe just maybe there is a Presence that surrounds all of us this time of year. Maybe whether we are aware of it or not the Spirit of a Savior's birth enters each and every one of us. A baby enters

all of us no matter when it is born, the new parents are happy along with all of the family members. In December we are blessed with a Child that was born to all of us, a Child that was born to lead us into a new way of life.

Let's make this December be the year that all of us look to being more like this Child. May the Spirit be with all of us this December and throughout the rest of our lives.

**Don McConachie,  
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# Coloring Contest



## Coloring Contest Winner

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## Another Christmas Is MOVING IN!

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## Timeless peace from within



One of the common themes of Christmas is "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." We all want to contribute to global peace. However, it is disheartening when the beautiful images and messages of peace and happiness stand in sharp contrast to the violence, injustice and discord we see in the news, in politics, and even in our own relationships. Unfortunately, in too many cases, we have normalized behaviors that are destructive to peace within our hearts, our communities, our world.

How do we turn this unfortunate and painful situation

around? Eleanor Roosevelt stated that, "It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it." Where does the work begin? We can all take a different perspective by setting an accessible goal of creating peace within ourselves which would then have a ripple effect through our relationships and community. There are many common practices which are easily accessed through our electronically connected life that can help us learn to act with compassion rather than judgment, learn to negotiate

rather than argue and learn to develop methods to calm our minds, even in the midst of perceived chaos.

Christmas and the New Year are historically a time of renewal and looking forward to changes in our lives that will lead to better physical and emotional health. Consider a 2020 resolution this year to learn to practice a "peace" of either psychological or spiritual calmness, regardless of life's stressors.

*Joan Sargent,  
Island of Faith Lutheran Church*

## Season's Readings!

As we turn the page to another holiday season, we'd like to take a moment to thank you, our loyal readers, for your trust and support. We hope this Christmas delivers all the good news you've been hoping for and more. Happy Holidays!

*Anne, Ron, Caleb, Trisha,  
Tawney and Ola*

## The true meaning of Christmas

As Christmas draws near, I am reminded of one of my first childhood experiences with the true meaning of Christmas. When Christ came to the world for redemption, he was bringing a gift we could not pay back. He was giving us something. Something that required sacrifice.

When I was in fourth grade, Darkwing Duck had just gone off the air, the Power Rangers and Nickelodeon had taken over the afternoon and I spent a great deal of time on the basketball court. During that Christmas, our Corps (Church) had been donated a Christmas tree farm. I worked on weekends cutting down and moving trees for people and was tipped for it. That Christmas, I made over \$100 in tips. A lot for a 10-year-old.

My dad sat down with me and asked how I was going to spend or save my money. I told him there was a new Super Nintendo game I wanted. He asked about my tithe and buying people presents. I said I was too young. After much conversation and internal struggle, I bought everyone good presents they would enjoy and ended up with \$0 from the Christmas tree farm to spend on me.

As I look back, that was hard but that was when I truly began to understand the meaning of Christmas. God came in human form to give us a gift of great sacrifice. It is because of this gift we can have fellowship with Him.

*Jon Tullerud,  
Wrangell Salvation Army*



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