



CHRISTMAS

around the world



Welcome!

Tell us your name and the country where you are from.

What is one thing you've been doing over the past two months that you want to share with the group?

Worship

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest...

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Share a short praise report of good news, an answered prayer, a miracle story,
or a testimony of thanksgiving to God!

Pray a prayer of praise for these things!

Christmas Story

We will tell the Christmas story together.

We'll each share a part of the Christmas story that we know and remember.

As we go, we'll decide the order of the things we share.

Then we'll read what we wrote!



Christmas Prophecies

What is a prophecy?

Read Isaiah 9:1-7 written 700 years before the birth of Jesus, declaring that the Messiah would be born from the line of David (v. 7).

Do you remember any of the Old Testament prophecies that predicted the birth of Jesus? List some!

Silent Meditation

As we prepare our hearts for communion, let's invite the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts about the beauty of Jesus's birth, the one who came to save us from our sins and draw all men to himself. Take time to confess your sins, and meditate on ways you want to draw near to him this holiday!
(*O Holy Night* – Seraphim Nova)

Communion

Lord, as we remember your birth, we are touched by the care you took for over one thousand years to give prophecies and hope to the people of Israel that the Messiah would come and cleanse us from our sins. We confess our sins to you and recommit to the one who loves us and saved us from death. You are holy and deserve our worship and praise. For you came into this world through a miraculous birth and you left this world, not staying in the grave, but rising from the grave through the power of the Holy Spirit. You deserve our praise! You deserve the glory! We remember your broken body for our sins and we remember the blood you poured out over us. Renew our spirits, O God! Refresh our hearts for you that we might bring you glory this holiday, declaring the power of your birth and the glory of your resurrection! Let us celebrate this Gospel message with our brothers and sisters, and give us courage, boldness, and genuine love in our hearts to share this story with others, that they too might worship you and have you as the King. Touch our hearts, Lord. Touch our hearts!

Closing Time of Sharing

Share what touched your heart during this time.
Share any dreams that you have for your spiritual life.
Share a prayer request.

Closing Prayer

