

Elijah Now

Turning Hearts Preparing People

My Prayer for your (next) Christmas

Dear Brother,

Our family will be in prayer for you this coming year. You may be struggling right now, wondering why things have deteriorated in your family. If so, this is a difficult yet needful season for you. Or you may be rejoicing in a marriage that is growing. Either way, let me share my prayer for you and your family's NEXT Christmas.

I pray that next Christmas finds your family united. Not just in body but in heart, in spirit, in purpose, and in fun.

I pray that next Christmas finds your wife by your side with a face full of joy and contentment. I hope that it will be the face of a woman who is beginning to experience what it means to be loved well. I pray it will be the face of a woman who is reveling in the grace of God being played out in her home. I pray that your wife will hold her head high and her gaze steady as she stands proudly beside you, not because you have become perfect, but because she recognizes in you a man of honor who is truly committed to facing the hard things and becoming the man God knew you could be all along.

I pray that next Christmas you will celebrate the fruit of walking with Jesus, new life, new joy, new freedom, and restoration of that which was lost at the fall.

I pray that your testimony will have begun to expand in power and impact as you are able to share with hurting people what you know to be true by EXPERIENCE. I pray that the world in which you live your day to day life will begin to change as your life is energized by the power of the Gospel to save YOU and your FAMILY.

I pray that Next Christmas you will tell the story of a baby born in Bethlehem with new passion, new joy, and new understanding because YOU have seen the power of "GOD WITH US" first hand.

The Christmas I wish for you next year will come at a price that you may not yet have begun to recognize. But the cost, my friend, is well worth it! You may be tempted to quit, look back, retreat, blame, or explode. But I hope that even when you stumble, you will get up. I pray that you will press into Jesus as the only hope for your future.

Stay the course my friend, and next Christmas will bring a gift that your imagination cannot even unwrap today.

Merry (next) Christmas,

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