Prayer Corner 22

Christmas Blessings

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"So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding."

I Corinthians 14:15

During this season of Advent, my spirit is filled with the songs celebrating the birth of Jesus. And it came to my mind that singing is a sacred form of prayer. Music gives form to our deepest thoughts while adding our emotions and lifting them up in joy, sadness, musings and declarations. These thoughts seemed like a Holy Spirit "Special Delivery" message for Prayer Corner. During Advent, let us pray in song. Use the links below to pray through favorite carols, celebrating the birth of Jesus. May you be blessed with God's gift of music.

(Note: If the carol does not appear on YouTube, copy the address and paste it in the browser.)

The First Noel https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNpwKJtOJ_Y

O Holy Night: https://youtu.be/fjR5N_wvVu8 Angels We Have Heard on High https://youtu.be/eJkWHN8K998 Joy to the World https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30OaM6b48k8

O Little Town of Bethlehem https://youtu.be/EHKORmpW4Cg

O Come all ye Faithful https://youtu.be/okyzEnO7g3c

Silent Night https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ri2thaAIyA

O Holy Night https:youtu.be/1STyaZA7-BY

Ava Maria: https:<u>youtu.be/49WxmGgYp-Q</u>

For the final prayer song, I have chosen Away in a Manger. https://g.co/kgs/kXEsq4

This beautifully simple song can be a lovely prayer for us all. I envision a small child sitting on a little stool near her mother's knee, singing with her mother. My heart is happy. I especially like the ending lyrics:

I love Thee, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky and stay by my side till 'Till morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus I ask them to stay Close by me forever and love me I pray.

Bless all the dear children In thy tender care And take us to heaven To live with thee there.

Amen

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I pray for each of you as you pray or sing your favorite carols.