

Quiet Moments with God

Allow these Quiet Moments to draw you into a time of refreshing,
reflection and rest with the Lord.

Prepare Your Heart

[Song: Messiah. Francesca Battistelli](#) (Lyrics on page 2)

*Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do
seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.*

*We who are anxious over many things
look forward to your coming among us.*

*We who are blessed in so many ways
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.*

*We whose hearts are heavy
seek the joy of your presence.*

*We are your people
walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.*

*To you we say,
"Come Lord Jesus!"*

Amen.

Advent and Christmas Wisdom: Henri J Nouwen

[Song: I heard the Bells on Christmas Day. Casting Crowns](#) (Lyrics on page 3)

Messiah

Francesca Battistelli

Long awaited precious promise
Son of God and son of man
Heaven's glory in a manger
Has come to us in Bethlehem

Messiah
Messiah
A baby born to save us all
Messiah
Messiah
On our knees we fall

All we longed for, all we needed
Shining in this child's eyes
Hope forever, death defeated
Because of this one holy night

Messiah
Messiah
A baby born to save us all
Messiah
Messiah
On our knees we fall

O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
Christ the Lord

Long awaited precious promise
Coming back again

Messiah
Messiah
A baby born to save us all
Messiah
Messiah
On our knees we fall
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Songwriters: Francesca Battistelli / Jeff Pardo / Molly Reed

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Song by Casting Crowns

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play

And mild and sweet their songs repeat
Of peace on Earth, good will to men

And the bells are ringing (peace on Earth)
Like a choir they're singing (peace on Earth)
In my heart I hear them (peace on Earth)
Peace on Earth, good will to men

And in despair I bowed my head
"There is no peace on Earth, " I said
For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on Earth, good will to men

But the bells are ringing (peace on Earth)
Like a choir singing (peace on Earth)
Does anybody hear them? (Peace on Earth)
Peace on Earth, good will to men

Then rang the bells more loud and deep
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep
(Peace on Earth)
(Peace on Earth)
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on Earth, good will to men

Then ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime
Of peace on Earth, good will to men

And the bells, they're ringing (peace on Earth)
Like a choir they're singing (peace on Earth)
And with our hearts, we'll hear them (peace on Earth)
Peace on Earth, good will to men

Do you hear the bells, they're ringing? (Peace on Earth)
The light, the angels singing (peace on Earth)
Open up your heart and hear them (peace on Earth)
Peace on Earth, good will to men

Peace on Earth
Peace on Earth
Peace on Earth, good will to men

Songwriters: Bernie Herms / Mark Hall

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