Sing praises to God and to his name! Sing loud praises to him who rides the clouds. His name is the Lord—rejoice in his presence! Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy!

Psalms 68:4-5

May the blessing of joy abide WITHIN you...
May the blessing of peace rest UPON you...
May the blessing of love flow out THROUGH you...
May all the blessings of the Lord be yours at Christmas and in the new year.
—Unknown

A Prayer About the True Gift of Christmas

The gifts I’d leave beneath your tree,
Aren’t those that you can touch or see,
No toys meant just for pointless play,
But gifts to bless you every day.
The gift of friendship warm and true,
Is one that I would leave for you.
Good health and happiness and cheer
To keep you smiling through the year.
The gift of peace that comes from God,
With prayer to guide each path you trod.
And when your heart has lost its song
The gift of hope to cheer you on.
These are the gifts I’d leave for you.
—Kay Hoffman, adapted