

Christmas is For-giving

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Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

Exchange pain for prayer.

"Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you." (Luke 6:28 NLT)

"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:43-44 NIV)

Receive the gift of forgiveness from Jesus.

"This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28 NIV)

"Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'..." (Luke 23:34 NIV)

Give the gift of forgiveness to others.

"...Forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:13 NIV)

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation." (2 Corinthians 5:17-19 NIV)