

## Wednesday Devotional

12/18/24

### *A Christmas Prayer*

"O God, our Help in ages past,  
Our Hope in years to be..."  
Look down upon this present world  
And see our need of Thee.

For in this age of unrest,  
With danger all around,  
We need Thy hand to lead us  
To higher, safer ground

We need Thy help and counsel  
To make us more aware,  
That our safety and security  
Lie solely in Thy care,

And so we pray this Christmas,  
To feel Thy presence near;  
And for Thy all-wise guidance  
Throughout the coming year.

First, give us understanding  
Enough to make us kind,  
So we may judge all people  
With our heart and not our mind.

Then give us strength and courage  
To be honorable and true,  
And place our trust implicitly  
In "unseen things" and you.

And help us when we falter  
And renew our faith each day,  
And forgive our human error  
And hear us when we pray,

And keep us gently humble  
In the Greatness of Thy love,  
So some day we are fit to dwell  
With Thee in peace above.

*Helen Steiner Rice*

### *It's Christmas Time Again*

Put your problems on probation  
Run your troubles off the track,  
Throw your worries out the window  
Get the monkeys off your back.  
Silence all your inner critics  
With your conscience make amends,  
And allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!

Call a truce with those who bother you  
Let all the fighting cease,  
Give your differences a breather  
And declare a time of peace,  
Don't let angry feelings taint  
The precious time you have to spend,  
And allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!

Like some cool refreshing water  
Or a gentle summer breeze,  
Like a fresh bouquet of flowers  
Or the smell of autumn leaves,  
It's a banquet for the spirit  
Filled with family, food and friends,  
So allow yourself some happiness  
It's Christmas time again!

*Bob Lazzar-Atwood*

