

## Finding Jesus: A Responsive Prayer for Christmas

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Amidst the tinsel and twinkling lights,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In pauses between the cookies, candy canes, turkey, and ham,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

Beside the pile of gifts given more out of obligation and less as acts of grace,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

Around the rushing to parties and events that we attend to attempt get in the Christmas spirit,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In our worshiping and in our feasting, but also in our quiet moments alone,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the homeless people we avoid on the street,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the refugees and migrants we encounter at the bus station and airport,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the relative who talks too much,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the person who doesn't feel they belong,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the people working three jobs through the holidays,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the people whose homes were destroyed in hurricane, flood, or fire,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In those who thirst for clean water amidst drought,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In those who fear disease,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In the stars shining at night, the animals at the manger, and all of creation, yearning for our care,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In those who preach and teach, pray and sing, and act boldly for justice,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In those who are willing to serve and go from everywhere to everywhere,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

In all those who seek you and those who don't,

**May we find you, Jesus.**

**This Christmas, may we finally realize**

**That you are already with us**

**If we only open our eyes to see you**

**and open our hearts to find you.**

**Amen.**