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.