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THE FATHER, THE
SON, AND THE
HOLY GHOST

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Merry Christmas AND *Glad Tidings*

To all of you from all of us at Love And Compassion Ministries, we pray that you will have all the joy that is found in the true meaning of Christmas.

Rejoice and celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with peace and joy.

Please share God's goodness with someone that needs Christ this season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

May God Bless You and Yours!

Here are simple ways to keep Christ the central focus of your life this Christmas season.

Keeping Christ in Christmas means revealing daily the character of love that dwells in you, by allowing these traits to shine through your actions.

Give God one very special gift just from you to Him:

Let this gift be something personal, that no one else needs to know about, and let it be a sacrifice. David said in II Samuel 24 that he would not offer a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing. Maybe your gift to God will be to forgive someone you've needed to forgive for a long time. By doing this, you may discover a gift that you give back to yourself. Forgiveness is to set a prisoner free, and to realize the prisoner was you. Perhaps your gift will be to commit to spending more time with God daily. Or maybe there is something God has asked you to give up. Make this your most important gift of the season.

Plan a project of "good will" this Christmas:

Think about "adopting" a single mom, there are lots of people that are barely making ends meet and don't have money to buy gifts for their child. Do you have an elderly neighbor that is in need of home repairs or yard work? Find someone with a genuine need, involve your whole family and see how happy you can make someone this Christmas.

Take a group Christmas caroling in a nursing home or a children's hospital:

Incorporate Christmas caroling at a nursing home into your yearly staff Christmas party plans. Tour the facility while singing Christmas carols. Take pictures because you will want to reflect on the party for many years. Your hearts will be full of tenderness and it will be the best staff Christmas party you've ever had.

Give a surprise gift of service to each member of your family:

Jesus taught us to serve by washing the disciple's feet. He also taught us that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35 The idea of giving an unexpected gift of service to members of your family is to demonstrate Christ-like love and service. You might consider giving a back rub to your spouse, running an errand for your brother, or cleaning out a closet for your mother. Make it personal and meaningful and watch the blessings multiply.

Set aside a time of family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning:

Before opening the gifts, take a few minutes to gather together as a family in prayer and devotions. Read the Christmas story in Luke 1:5-56 through 2:1-20. Read a few other Bible verses and discuss as a family the true meaning of Christmas.

Attend a Christmas church service together with your family:

If you are alone this Christmas or don't have family living near you, invite a friend or a neighbor to join you.

Send Christmas cards that convey a spiritual message:

This is an easy way to share your faith at Christmas time. If you've already bought the reindeer cards -- no problem! Just write a Bible verse and include a personal message with each card.

Write a Christmas letter to a missionary or someone in ministry work:

This idea is dear to my heart! For many years now I have received a special letter from a special person each Christmas. Opening the letter is always like opening a priceless gift on Christmas morning. Many missionaries are unable to travel home for the holidays, so it can be a very lonely time for them. Write a special Christmas letter to a missionary or someone working in ministry work. Thanking them for giving their life in service to the Lord is one of the best things you can do. Trust me, it will mean more than you can imagine!

**Remember It's OK To Say
"Merry Christmas."**

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE JESUS CAME

Twas the night before JESUS came and all through the house,
not a creature was praying, not even in the house.
Their Bibles were lain on the shelf without care,
in hopes that Jesus would not come there.

The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
not once ever kneeling or bowing the head.
and mom in her rocker with baby on her lap,
was watching the late show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there rose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,
but angels proclaiming that JESUS WAS HERE!
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray,
I knew in a moment this must be the day!

The light of HIS face made me cover my head,
It was JESUS returning just like HE said.
and though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw HIM in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which HE held in HIS hand,
was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as HE searched for my name,
When HE said, "IT'S NOT HERE!" – my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love,
He gathered to take to HIS Father above.
With those who were ready HE rose without a sound,
while all the rest of us were left standing around.

I fell to my knees but it was too late!
I had waited to long, thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight,
Oh! If only, If ONLY, I'd been ready tonight!

In the words of the poem the meaning is clear!
The coming of JESUS is soon drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Let's Keep Christ In Christmas

Love And Compassion Ministries is part of more than twenty organizations that helped and/or provided flue and pneumonia shots, free showers, hair cuts, bus passes, breakfast and lunch, health assessments, legal referrals, employment information, clothing, shampoo, bug spray, can openers, canned food, first aid kits, flashlights, hand sanitizer, pocket bibles, socks, sodas, T-shirts, blankets, sleeping bags, and so much more to the homeless of Lee County.

Here are a few of the many images you would have seen if you had been at the 9th Annual Homeless Service Day Stand

Janet Bartos, Coordinator for the Lee County Homeless Coalition had Pastor Chuck Smith of Broadway Community Church open the service in prayer and had State Representative Gary Aubuchon read the Lee County Board of County Commissioners the resolution which declared the week of November 16-22 as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week in Lee County.



FOOD BAGS

We Had More Than 300 Homeless People Showed Up



Approximately 140 volunteers showed up that helped make the event a huge success!



God's Place

Out of a sense of obedience and the desire to serve God, Love And Compassion Ministries, along with many other organizations, and individual people have come together as a team desiring to be a part of God's Place. How about you? Where can you be used by God to help make this project possible?

LCM is looking for that special person to help us pursue opening a large multipurpose Christ center recovery project called 'Gods Place'. Our current focus includes a feasibility study of a 640 acre facility in Lee County, Florida.

We are asking people to join us in putting together a Christian community, with a biblical government system, and home grown leadership that exemplify high standers of morals and ethics, as we work with those in need to achieve restoration and wellness. We wish to open the doors of God's Place to house the homeless and individuals who have physical, mental, social and spiritual needs, including released juvenile offenders, the drug and alcohol addicted, the down trodden, and hungry people of this area.

LCM wishes to introduce all the clients to Jesus Christ without pushing religion down their throats. We believe that when Christ's love and compassion is offered, hope grows and the fallen are encouraged to learn and follow His ways. Every individual can grow toward a fullness of health, given the proper environment and guidance at God's Place. They will find a healthy balance in mind, body, and soul.

This ministry is committed to treating each client as a family member. We wish to feed them, clothe them, help with an education, teach them life skills, and a trade. Each will learn skills as they are given responsibilities for the function and upkeep of God's Place including growing our own vegetables and cattle. LCM wishes to sustain the group without any outside assistance.

We pray that all who hear about this project will catch the God given vision that must be pursued and become one of the team members that will pray, support, and help us make this happen. With a willingness to start small, work hard, and dream big, God can use us to accomplish His Will.

We are praying for more people to join us in this God sized venture. If you wish to be a part of the prayer, support, and action teams and/or assist us with the feasibility study in regards to God's Place, call us at 239-574-5683.

Thank You!

**Love And Compassion Ministries is a ministry of hope because
Jesus Christ is in everything we do!**

Please help us keep hope alive! GIVE! Your gift is tax deductible.

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Thank You!



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We understand that over one hundred businesses have closed their doors this year, just in Cape Coral alone. We want to change this trend. God did not mean for us to go through trials alone. God has commanded Christians to love one another and pray for one another.

We at Love and Compassion Ministries (your neighbor) wish to pray for your needs and expect God to perform miracles in your life!

Please print your prayer request below and mail, fax, or e-mail it back to us, so that we can start petitioning our Lord to intervene into your situation. No strings attached.

Our message to you is to hang on and have faith that God can!

The Bible says in Luke 11:9-10: And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Lord, please help me to have a vision to see beyond my present circumstances, beyond my present problems or crises, beyond my needs, and my desires. By faith I see You working on my behalf to open doors that have been shut, to open up my mind to new ideas and my heart to new passions. With great expectation I anticipate You doing the impossible on my behalf.

Lord, please bless the people that read this news letter!
May they always have joy in their hearts, peace in the soul,
and money in their pockets.
Not too much so that they will not become greedy,
but enough so that they will be able to live without worry
and be willing to give to the less fortunate.



Love And Compassion Ministries

Dear Friends,

I thank the Lord for each and everyone of you! I wish to thank you all for praying for us, giving your gifts, and caring about this ministry. As you go out shopping for your loved ones, friends, and relatives this season, please think about the ones that are in such a need at this time of their life. I pray that during this season you will let Jesus Christ radiate from your heart. There will be many people this Christmas that will be disappointed because they are not able to give that special gift to that special person. Pray for them that they may not lose heart.

Satan wishes to destroy the family unity by having families fight instead of coming together. The Lord wishes to bind us together. Ask God to help us all work together to make this Christmas a special Christmas. Offer up a prayer for that loved one you know is being used by satan. Call them and invite them over. Don't clean the house, repaint the room, or buy that new couch., just be yourself! Talk and enjoy the people that God has put within your life. See how God can work through you!

Don't let satan steal the true meaning of Christmas from you. May we all view this Christmas in a new light. Have the right attitude! Let the Holy Spirit build within you and bubble over into others. Enjoy the season, give from your heart, and worship the Lord. Show God's love to many others. Live this day as if it were your last! Make the most of the time we have on this earth! Tell people everyday what God has given you and that you love them.

Many years ago, during a Christmas season just like this one, LCM had a very great need. We were praying that God would provide the money to take care of this very expensive item that we desperately needed. A Godly man and friend of mine, that is married with two little girls, came to me with a check for the amount that the ministry needed to take care of the problem we were having. This friend is like so many of us that work for not much more than what it takes to live from one week to another. I looked at the check with disbelief and ran back to tell him for I could not accept such a large amount from him, because he needed the money more so than us.

He refused to take the check back and stated that if I gave the check back to him that he and his family would be cheated out of a blessing from God. He made me promise that I would not tell anyone that his family gave the money. Later, I found out that his wife and children agreed not to buy any Christmas gifts for each other so that they could bless this ministry. The girls woke up Christmas morning with nothing under the tree, but there was so much love within that house that it could not contain it all.

A year latter this Godly man was given such a magnificent position within a wonderful Church making so much money that his wife no longer had to work, they were given a new car, a new house, and his children were able to go to the best of schools. God is so good!

How many times this year did we give God a reason to bless us! Merry Christmas!

In the Presence of our LORD,

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If you would like to be a part of our exciting prayer team, please send us your e-mail address and we will send you updates of people who need our prayers. *The LORD is near to all who call upon HIM, to all who call upon HIM in truth.* Psalm 145:18 NKJ

It is a great privilege that we have, as sons and daughters of the KING, to be able to come into HIS presence with our needs, our hurts, and our cares. We know that we can leave them at HIS feet because HE cares for us and will always answer us in our time of need.

Prayer requests are very important to us! We always need people who are caring and willing to personally pray for others needs. As we pray for their physical, moral, and spiritual needs, we must understand that because of JESUS CHRIST'S love for all of us, we are able to do this. CHRIST is the answer to every human's needs.

As members of the Body of CHRIST, we have the privilege and responsibility to pray for our Churches, our missionaries, public officials, other ministries, and each other.