Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem

* **Father, we thank you for the angels who proclaimed the coming of the new King. They sang of his birth and what he would accomplish. For him to come to us a small baby seemed like such a departure from what was expected, so that very few believed it possible. Help us to believe in the impossible because that is You. You make all things possible especially when it is least expected.**

Christ by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

* **Thank you, Lord, for leaving Heaven to come and be a man with us. You gave us an example of how to live while being kind, compassionate and loving. You taught us to answer with love instead of hate, to be just instead of selfish. You showed us how to live above the pettiness and greed that surrounds us every day. You were God in the flesh and we thank you for showing us how it should be done.**

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace
Hail! the Son of Righteousness
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by
Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth

* **Lord, we praise you for everything that you were, are and continue to be. You were born to show us how to do life and died so that we could live it with you in Heaven. Help us to be worthy of your sacrifices. Help us be the ones to show others the way to make a connection to you. Shower us with Your mercy when we fall and Your blessings when we do right.**
* **Be with those who are in need right now and help us to see those needs and meet them.**
* **Help those who are dealing with illnesses. Give** **them the strength to get through these times and help their families as they help tend to their needs.**
* **Thank you for those new to us and be with those who have left us. Bless them all with new adventures and fond memories.**

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In the name of our newborn King and Risen Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.