



THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christ: Guiding Light of Hope

*Wonderful Counsellor, You walk with us in pain,
A guiding voice when storms of injustice rise,
Prince of Peace, You calm the wounded again,
Calling Your Church to open its weary eyes.
Everlasting Father, You cradle the least,
And strengthen our hands to heal and to release.*

*Mighty God, Your light breaks through our night,
Teaching us to welcome every soul with grace;
To guard creation with tenderness and might,
So children may flourish in every sacred space.
To end violence, uplift those pushed aside
O Christ, lead Your Church; be our hope and guide.*



As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we are reminded once again that light shines brightest in times of darkness. In a world shaken by war, conflict, and the rising wounds of violence—especially against women and children—Christ comes to us as the Prince of Peace, bringing healing, dignity, and hope.

The image of the Holy Child in His mother's arms calls us to cradle the world with the same tenderness and compassion. The gentle posture of those around the manger invites us to stand together as one family, committed to protecting the vulnerable, uplifting the broken, and proclaiming love where hatred seeks to divide.

This Christmas, may the Church of South India continue to embody Christ's mission of unity—a unity that embraces all, heals all, and loves all. May our communities become sanctuaries of comfort, justice, and peace.

*Let the star of Bethlehem shine upon us with renewed courage.
Let hope rise where despair prevails.
Let love triumph where fear threatens.
Let care flourish where pain persists.*

May the coming of Christ kindle in every heart the assurance that God is with us—Emmanuel—guiding us toward a world where “they all may be one.”

Wishing you a blessed, hope-filled, and grace-filled Christmas.

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