

Christmas Prayer

St. Francis of Assisi is remembered as a great friend to animals. Traditionally, he gave extra food to domestic animals because he wanted "all creation to share in Yuletide happiness."

He is also given credit for authorship of this prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love.

Where there is doubt, faith.

Where there is despair, hope.

Where there is darkness, light.

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

Borrow A Page From Santa

Christmas would be happier if we could do something about the few folks here and there who object to Santa Claus.

There are some.

Christmas is primarily a religious holiday, the most important holiday of all, marking the birth of the Child Jesus.

Santa Claus is for children, the unpolished, hopeful youngsters for whom life becomes a fairy tale during this holiday season.

They will come to know the true meaning of Christmas and they will, in time come to understand the role Santa plays in the holiday observance.

Christmas might be happier for all if those who object to Santa could be urged to take his place for a while. A red suit and beard would not be necessary. It could be accomplished merely by seeing to it that the underprivileged, the needy and the unfortunate in some way receive a measure of good will and kindness during the Christmas season.

Anyone who has the heart can borrow a page from Santa's book.

Warm Climate Christmas Is Quite Colorful

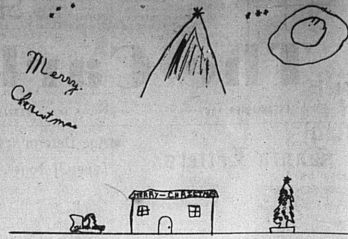
Unlike Christmas in colder states, the Yule season around the winter resort of Phoenix, Arizona and the Valley of the Sun means no snow but bright sunny skies. It seems a bit strange to tourists perhaps, but local folks do all they can to prove sunning is more fun than shoveling.

Special dinners, festivals and other activities add a special flair and gaiety to the Phoenix celebration.

OLD BELIEF

Gypsies believe that holly, ivy and mistletoe were made evergreen in reward for helping across the birth of Christ from "Venus."

The gypsies used ash for their campfires and were told by their elders that the ash was black-balled from the evergreen list because it had no part in the hiding of the Christ child.



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May your gifts be peace and great joy.



Merry Christmas and best wishes.

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Joy and peace be with you during this Yule season.

Beulah Hughes
Circuit Clerk



With every good wish for a holiday season of happiness.

The Variety Store



Great happiness for our friends.

Square Deal Grocery

Colorful Festivities

One of the most colorful of all the celebrations is the annual Las Pasadas observance by Arizonans and Mexicans. Starting about a week before Christmas, people representing Mary and Joseph re-enact the traditional night - time search for lodgings in Bethlehem. They go from house to house until finally - at the pre-arranged one - they are

"taken in for the night." Climax of the celebrations comes when merry-makers break open the huge piñata hung from the ceiling and stuffed with goodies. There's always a scramble for the prizes - and lots of fun for all.

Another common scene around Christmas in Phoenix comes with the luminarias. These usually occur on Christmas Eve when many people hold open houses. Small paper bags, partially filled with sand, and having lighted candles in the middle, are spaced out to mark paths to homes. The tradition comes from the old Spanish custom of lighting the way for El Niño Parvulo, who walks among the faithful on that night.

Annual Graveside Ceremony Honors Xmas Classic Author

On Christmas Eve, 1911 an small but hardy band of children and adults carrying oil lanterns plodded through snow in the gathering dusk to the

Trinity (Episcopal) Church Cemetery at 15th Street, hard by the Hudson River in New York City. There the marchers arranged themselves about the grave of Clement Clarke Moore to pay homage to the author of that immortal poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (Twas the Night Before Christmas).

Thus began a tradition that has endured to this day. Over the ensuing 50 years the Christmas Eve processions have been held with interruption. In the relative calm of a moonlit evening.

Each December 24, the children of the Chapel of the Immaculation gather, with their parents and other grown-ups at the chapel. The Vicar reads the beloved Christmas poem and the procession winds its way down the steep hill to the grave a quarter mile away.

There a great Christmas wreath is reverently laid on the poet's grave and the Vicar offers prayers of thanksgiving and blessing as the golden Cross of Crucifer gleams in the reflection of the light of the lanterns held high by the marchers. It is a truly moving ceremony.

Born in July, 1779, the son of Rt. Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore, Clement Moore lived a long

and fruitful life. His early writings won him the title of "Poet of Chelsea" a section of lower Manhattan where he lived.

Dr. Moore wrote his famous poem in 1822 for his children, Charley, Clement and Emily. It was included in a published volume of his works but went virtually unnoticed until it was reprinted by the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel. It was picked up by newspapers throughout the United States and later, by periodicals in every other part of the world. Soon thereafter it attained its deserved status as a classic.

A man of many accomplishments, Dr. Moore was a talented organist and served in that capacity of St. Peter's Church at 20th Street and Ninth Avenue. He was noted for his generosity, too. He donated a number of valuable real estate plots

to churches and seminaries.

Upon his death in 1863 he was buried in the old graveyard of St. Luke's Church on Hudson Street in the city's west side. On November 29, 1895 the body was removed to Trinity Church Cemetery.



May all your dreams bring you happiness.

Wishing you joy this Christmas.

Barterville Grocery
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Bakers Dept. Store



MERRY CHRISTMAS
May your Christmas be merry, bright and happy. And thank you for your friendship.

Woody's Auto Repair

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Merry Christmas

May good times and good friends make your Christmas a happy one.

Hunts Ashland Oil

CHRISTMAS JOY



To our friends we send greetings and best wishes.

LaMar House



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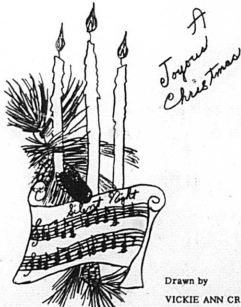


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