Many of us enter the Christmas season with great anticipation and a tinge of concern that we’ll somehow miss the true spirit of Christmas.

Here are 12 short, powerful prayers that can help you focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Prayers to Keep Christ in Christmas

1. Love
   Lord, help us follow the way of love—let the love of Christ compel us.
   1 Corinthians 14:1; 2 Corinthians 5:14

2. Joy
   Restore the joy of Your salvation to us; let us experience the joy of Your presence.
   Psalm 51:12, 16:11

3. Peace
   Let Your peace rule and guard our hearts; give us more of You, Jesus—You are our peace.
   Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:7; Ephesians 2:14

4. Hope
   Enlighten the eyes of our heart so that we may know the hope You called us to.
   Ephesians 1:18

5. Favor
   Let Your favor rest on us
   Luke 2:52

6. Life
   Shine Your light of life on us; help us to walk in it.
   Job 33:30; Psalm 56:13

7. Salvation
   Help us to fear You so we can unlock the treasure of Your salvation.
   Isaiah 33:6

8. Selflessness
   Keep us from self-seeking attitudes that reject truth.
   Romans 2:8

9. Generosity
   Make us rich in ways that result in generosity on our part so You will be praised.
   2 Corinthians 9:11

10. Receiving
    Help us receive Your kingdom, Your Spirit, and Your grace.
    Daniel 7:18; John 20:22; Romans 5:17

11. Seeking
    Encourage us to seek Your face with all our hearts.
    Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 27:8

12. Praise
    We ascribe glory to Your name, Lord; we come before You in worship for You are holy.
    1 Chronicles 16:28-29