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