

## MINDFUL MONDAY DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>

*For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*  
Isaiah 9:6

God's love given to us in the form of a miracle baby, with the humble arrival in a manger. This season is all about the love of God, the love of our families, and the love shared with others. How can we express our love daily to those that are in our lives, or those in need? A call to action may include volunteering, donating, sharing kindness, calling someone to catch up, sharing a meal with someone, and praying for others. As the angels announced the joy of Jesus' arrival, we are called to share this joy and love with others. May you find the opportunities to do this throughout the week. We can start by joining in prayer.

We pray for the church, for the new year and what it will bring. We pray for our church family, for the joys the year has brought, and for the sorrows. May we feel God's presence and peace as we move into the next year. We pray for Christmas week and the family we will see, the miles we will travel, and the joy we will have. We pray for those that are facing this holiday with a loved one missing from around the table. We bring all these prayers to You, Lord.

We pray for the pastors, congregations, and ministries from this week's regional prayer calendar.  
Nichols Christian Church, Nichols, IA, Leslie Dalstra  
First Christian Church, Fort Madison, IA  
Juanita Scriven, Bob Pickerell, Peggy Stott  
Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada