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## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR LONELY FOLKS.

Lord God of the solitary,  
Look upon me in my loneliness,  
Since I may not keep this Christmas  
in the home,  
Send it into my heart.

Let not my sins cloud me in;  
But shine through them with forgive-  
ness in the face of the child Jesus,  
Put me in loving remembrance of the  
lowly lodging in the stable of  
Bethlehem.

The sorrows of the Blessed Mary, the  
poverty and exile of the Prince of  
Peace,

For His sake, give me a cheerful cour-  
age to endure my lot,  
And an inward comfort to sweeten it.

Give me good work to do.  
That I may forget myself and find  
peace in doing it for Thee.

Though I am poor, send me to carry  
some gift to those who are poorer,  
Some cheer to those who are more  
lonely.

Grant me the joy to do a kindness to  
one of Thy little ones;

Light my Christmas candle at the  
gladness of an innocent and grate-  
ful heart.

Strange is the path where Thou leadest  
me;

Let me not doubt Thy wisdom, nor  
lose Thy hand.

Make me sure that Eternal Love is  
revealed in Jesus, Thy dear Son,  
To save us from sin and solitude and  
death.

Teach me that I am not alone,  
But many hearts, all round, the world,  
Join with me through the silence.

—Henry Van Dyke.