

# Christmas Tree Prayer

[Capitalised items in brackets are suggestions for symbolic decorations]

Lord, I thank you for this tree.

This tree is my prophetic declaration in the heavenly places.

## **CREATOR**

I believe You are the Creator of Heaven and Earth (TREE & STARS), and in You all things hold together. I believe the work of Your hands expresses Your character, and that this created world is filled with Your glory (LIGHTS).

And this tree is a reminder that we live in a fallen world, a broken world, detached from its true home, where Satan and the Powers of Darkness hold sway, a world where mankind has turned away from the living God and chosen an independent course.

## **SOVEREIGN**

But this is my declaration that You alone are Sovereign, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords (CROWN). It all belongs to You, and every knee must bow before You. And nothing will ever thwart Your purposes.

And I choose You; I choose Your ways; Your wisdom. I lay down my independence and choose Your perfect plan for my life (SCROLL).

## **MESSIAH**

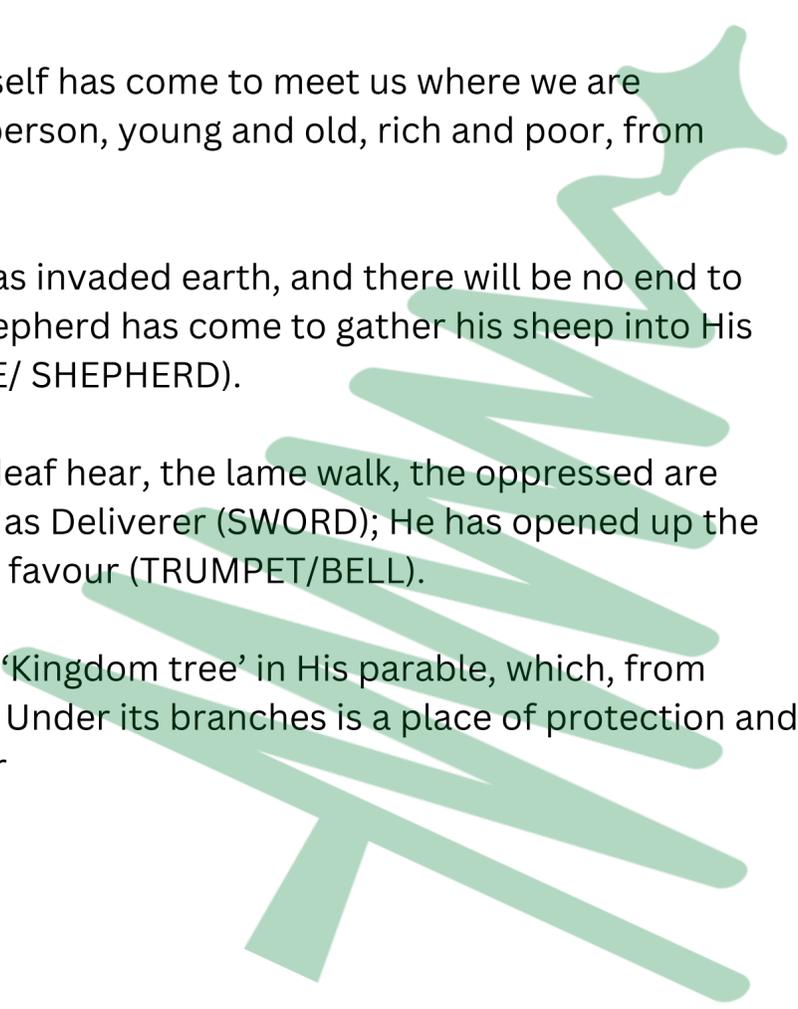
Not only are You Creator and Sovereign, as I dress this tree in its celebratory clothes, I declare that You are also Saviour. I declare that the Messiah has come (ICHTHUS), and that creation shouts for joy, and the trees of the field are clapping their hands! The Messiah has come, and His Kingdom has invaded earth.

I declare Emmanuel has come amongst us. God Himself has come to meet us where we are (NATIVITY). The Lord Jesus has come to save every person, young and old, rich and poor, from every nation (PERUVIAN NATIVITY).

A ruler has risen out of Jacob (STAR), His Kingdom has invaded earth, and there will be no end to the increase of His government and peace. And a shepherd has come to gather his sheep into His arms; into His protective love (CROOK/ CANDY CANE/ SHEPHERD).

This tree celebrates the Messiah: the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the oppressed are delivered; and the broken are mended. He has come as Deliverer (SWORD); He has opened up the prison gates (KEY), and announced the time of God's favour (TRUMPET/BELL).

This tree is also a prophetic picture of the Messiah's 'Kingdom tree' in His parable, which, from small beginnings, is right now filling the whole earth. Under its branches is a place of protection and rest—a place of the abundant provision of the Father



## **SAVIOUR**

And this is my declaration of faith in another tree: the Cross of Christ (CROSS); and the event which changed the course of history forever. In His broken body, the Lord Jesus took every sin, every sickness, every bit of brokenness, and the wrath of God was unleashed on all these things which have marred His beautiful world. And when He cried 'It is finished!', every demonic power, every curse, every negative force was utterly defeated.

And His blood was poured out (RED BAUBLES) so that we could be forgiven, cleansed and healed. His blood marks us, like the blood on the lintels before the Exodus, so that we are safe in His hands; it ushers us into the very throne-room of God, and it declares that we are qualified for every Covenant blessing.

## **LIFE-GIVER**

And this tree is my declaration of faith in the God who brings life. Evergreen, and pointing to Heaven; it speaks of the gift of new life, eternal life. Death was unable to hold the Lord Jesus; He is the Resurrection and the Life (BUTTERFLY). And I am a new creation, the old has passed away; and by faith in the blood of the Lamb, I am qualified to eat from the Tree of Life.

## **HOLY SPIRIT**

God Himself has come and filled me to overflowing with His life through the Holy Spirit (DOVE). Because He lives in me, I can never be away from His presence. And He has showered on me blessing upon blessing (GIFT BOXES & JUST-FOR-JOY ORNAMENTS)

And lastly, this tree is my declaration that He has called me to be fruitful; and has covenanted to prosper my way. The Holy Spirit has been given to me overflow to a broken world with joy (SKATES), generosity (GIFT-GIVERS), love (HEARTS), peace (DOVE), healing (TREES), and an invitation to the Wedding Feast (BOWS). I have been called to partner with the Lord Jesus, and the Hosts of Heaven (ANGELS/ SOLDIERS) to see His will done on earth as it is in heaven.

## **A PRAYER WALK**

One of the pleasures of the festive season are the Christmas trees gracing the front windows of homes, shop displays, town squares and church buildings. How about undertaking a prayer walk, and blessing some of these?

***"As you enjoy this tree...***

***I bless you with a revelation of the Creator, with the understanding that there are things in this world too wonderful to be dissected by science; with the deep inner knowledge you were born for something special.***

***I bless you with the truth that there is a God in Heaven who is sovereign over all, and that true peace is found in right relationship with Him.***

***I bless you with the deep understanding that Emmanuel has come, so that you might live in the presence of God.***

***I bless you with the revelation that Jesus Christ died on a tree so that you could be released from everything that binds you fast.***

***I bless you with the good news that Life is found in Him, and He offers it to you.***

***I bless you with the revelation that God is good and has showered your lives with blessing.***

***I bless you with light in your darkness, because the Light of the World has come."***