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## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The birth of a baby brings us joy and hope, O God, because it reminds us of the wonder of life itself. News that a Savior has been born, one anointed to lead us from despair to hope, from oppression to freedom, from darkness to light is good news indeed—twenty-nine centuries ago or today.

Be born for us once again, Wonderful Counselor, and guide us in the way we should go. Grant us wisdom in the ordering of our lives and grace in the way in which we live.

Be born for us once again Mighty God, courageous against evil, strong against the oppressive powers of the world and the pesky antagonizers of our daily lives.

Be born in us once again Everlasting Father, watching over us, teaching us, nurturing us, protecting us, nudging and pushing us. Provide the care we need in our daily lives for health and happiness, we pray.

Be born in us once again Prince of Peace, leading us to the wholeness of life which you desire for us all. Teach us the strength of humility, the imperative justice, and the necessity of brotherhood.

Call upon the gifts you have given to us to bring your light to our world. Shine your light through us, we pray, to illumine the way for others.

Come to us once again, Starry Stranger. Light the way to the stable which resides in our own hearts, and be born in us today. Amen.