

### The Miracle of Christmas

Christmas is a magical time. It is a time to reflect upon all of our blessings and to be thankful. The children of St. Gabriel Child Care Center are the lucky ones. They live in a country that is at peace. They live in a family that provides them with food, shelter, clothing and love. They can go to school to learn, play and grow.

Unfortunately, there are other children in the world that are not so lucky. They live in a country that is at war. They may not have a family or a home because it was destroyed by war or natural disaster such as a flood, tornado, hurricane or earthquake. Many of them live in hunger, poverty and disease. They also have no schools so that they can learn.

As we are gathered here tonight, may we pray that the spirit and miracle of Christmas will bring peace to the world, feed the hungry, provide shelter and clothing for the homeless and find a cure for illness and disease. In this way, there will be hope for a brighter tomorrow for all children. As the song states: “we are the world”; and most importantly, “we are the future”. May our gesture here tonight demonstrate that our hearts are filled with love and compassion for the less fortunate by allowing us to extend a helping hand to them. May it also strengthen our faith and belief to change the impossible to the possible. All we need is to believe in ourselves and in our future. Isn't that really what Christmas is all about? Merry Christmas to all the world's children!

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