

Christmas Classics Songs of Hope

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A Not So Silent Night

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them. Luke 2:6-7 (NLT)

³⁴ "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. Luke 21:34 (NIV11)

- When circumstances are _____.
- When people are _____.
- When problems are _____.

Silent Night

⁶ For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)

²⁷ "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27 (NLT)

1. Accept God's _____.

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, Romans 5:1 (NIV11)

¹⁸ Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. Micah 7:18 (NIV)

2. Recognize God's _____.

³ You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3 (NLT)

¹ God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble... ¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

3. Obey God's _____.

¹⁶⁵ Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble. Psalm 119:165 (NRSV)

4. Trust God's _____.

⁵ Trust the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths smooth. Proverbs 3:5-6 (GW)

5. Ask for God's _____.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. ⁷ If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 (TLB)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Accept God's pardon as I give my life to Him.
- Bring my needs to God so that I can experience the peace which only He can provide.
- Share God's peace with those whose lives are in turmoil.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Isaiah 9:6