

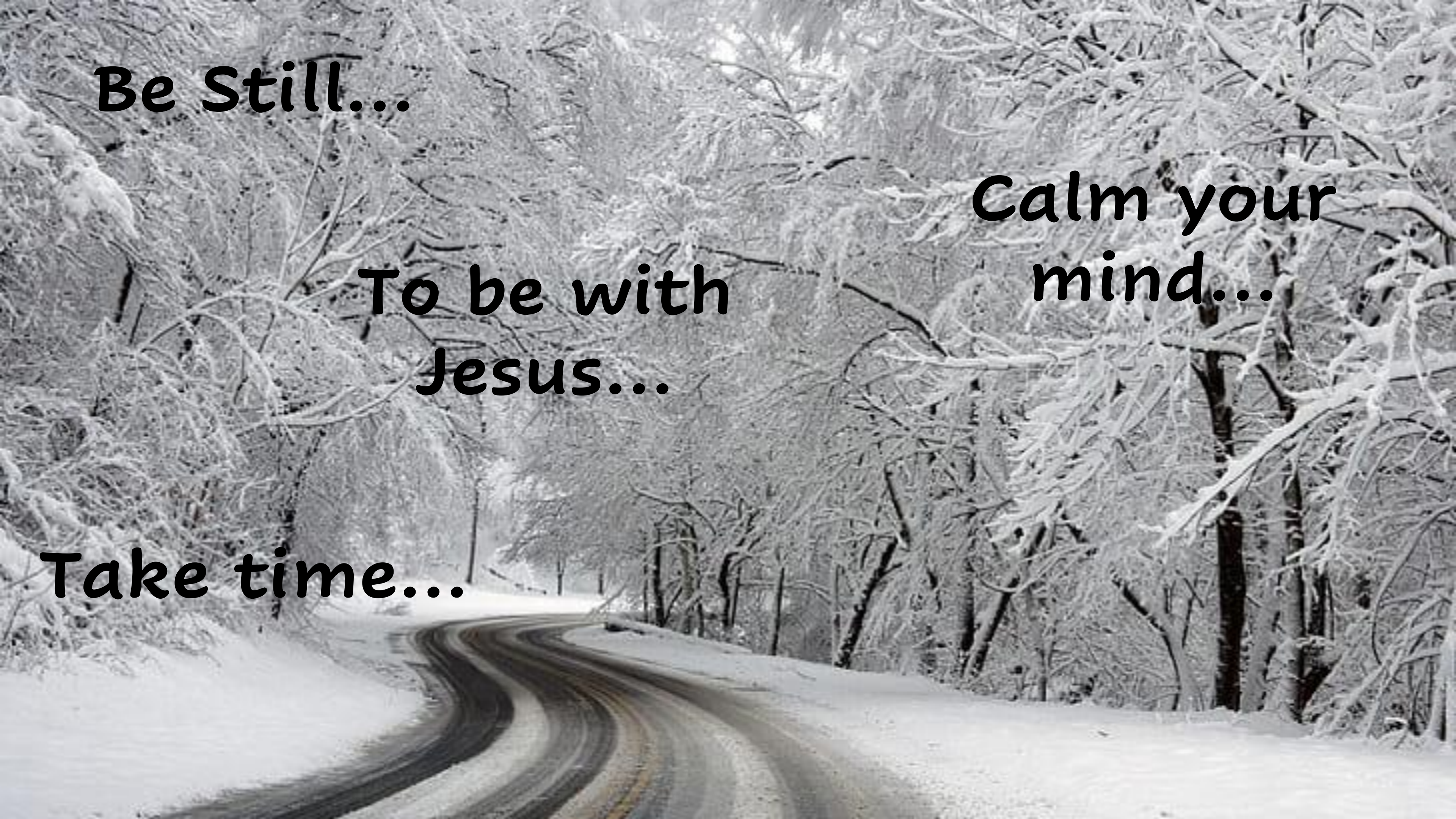



Be Still...

**Calm your
mind...**

**To be with
Jesus...**

Take time...






2nd Week after the Nativity -

Liturgical colours of WHITE and GOLD

A time to celebrate and rejoice...

Celebration of the Word

Prayer Theme - Epiphany



*We begin with
the sign of the cross...*

*In the name of the
Father, and of the
Son and of the
Holy Spirit.*

AMEN

WE
GATHER

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD as we come
to the end of the Jubilee Year...



Jubilee
Pilgrims of Hope

CAFOD A better world
needs all of us



Take a moment to look at the
image.

- What can you see?
- How does this image
make you feel?
- What do you like about the
image?

WE GATHER

Our prayer theme this week is

Epiphany.

The word Epiphany comes from the Greek language and means to

'reveal' - *this is when the Son of God was 'revealed' to the whole*

world: to all people and not just one race.

- I wonder what that means to you...

A photograph of a winter forest scene. A snow-covered road with dark tire tracks curves through the center of the image. The road is flanked by dense trees and bushes whose branches are heavily laden with snow. The overall atmosphere is quiet and serene.

WE LISTEN TO
THE WORD OF GOD

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12).

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him,

"In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

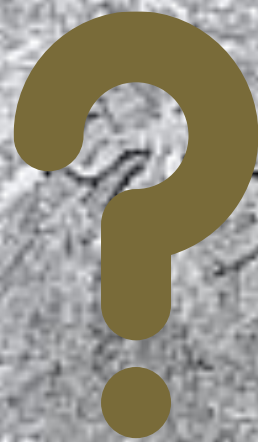
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

WE RESPOND

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Take a moment to reflect...



How does this
make you feel?

Why is this message
important for us?

***...And behold, the star that they had seen at its
rising preceded them, until it came and
stopped over the place where the child was...***



How can this message
help us each day?

What is Epiphany all about?

This feast day, celebrated on the 6th January, is a significant and important one for people of every race and nationality, because the wise men represent God's people throughout the world.

The Son of God, the Word made flesh, came into the world as a Jew, to give life and salvation to every member of the human race.

No matter what our race, nationality, colour or religion, each of us is made in the image and likeness of God.

For all of us, this is a day of real celebration
- we, too, are chosen.



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Over the next week you will notice new Epiphany Blessing signs appearing over our doorways in school as we ask God to bless our rooms and all those who work in them.

The initial letters remind us of the names of the Three Wise Men -
*C*asper, *M*elchior and *B*althazar.

They are also the initial letters for the Latin phrase
- *C*hristus *M*ansionem *B*enedicat
- meaning Christ Bless this House.

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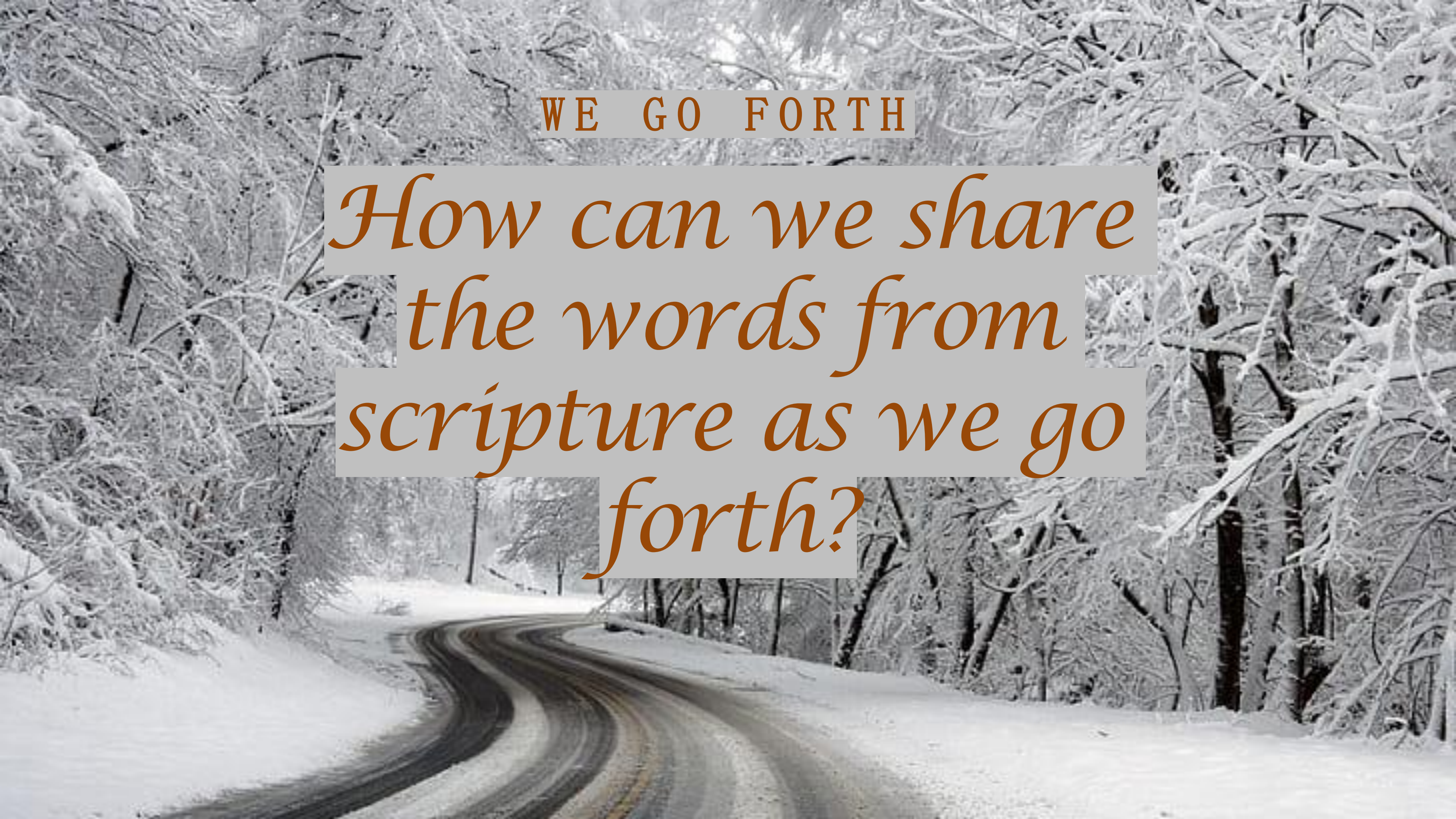
The star symbolises the star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus.

The three crosses symbolise God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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The numbers signify the new year we have just begun.

Please visit the Chapel Prayer Station to ask for God's blessing for your home.



WE GO FORTH

*How can we share
the words from
scripture as we go
forth?*

Let us pray ...

Lord, the sight of the guiding star brought hope, courage and joy to those who had journeyed to find you.

When our journey seems long, when hope seems far away, when our courage is failing, fill us with faith and trust;

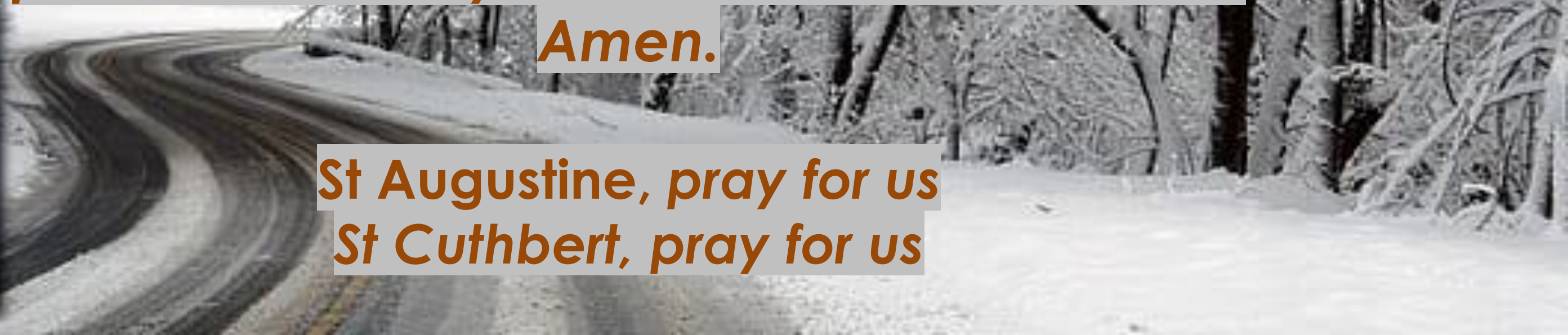
shine your light on our fears, lift our hearts with your joy.

Help us to recognise you in our brothers and sisters throughout the world;

show us how we can work together, so that we may all come to share in the life promised to us by Jesus, the Saviour of us all.

Amen.

**St Augustine, pray for us
St Cuthbert, pray for us**



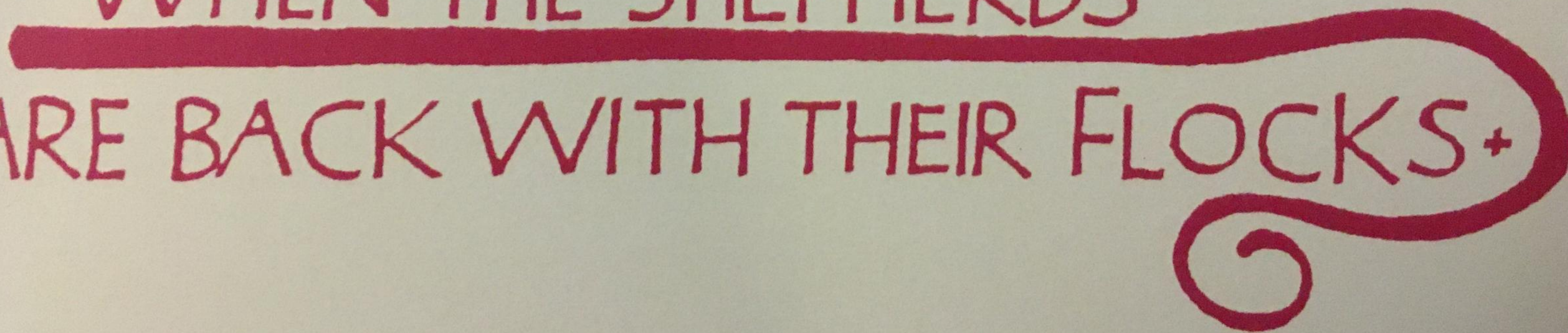
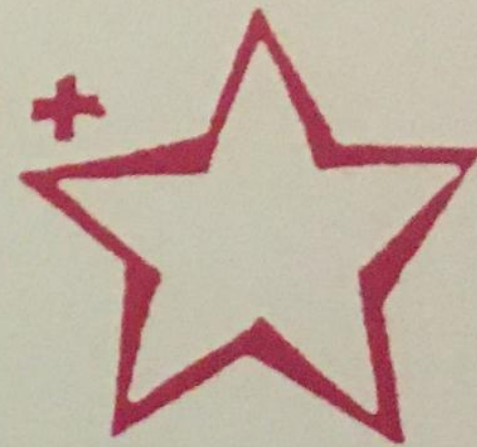
WE GO FORTH

WHEN THE SONG OF
THE ANGELS IS STILLED +

WHEN THE STAR
IN THE SKY IS GONE +

WHEN THE KINGS AND
PRINCES ARE HOME +
WHEN THE SHEPHERDS

ARE BACK WITH THEIR FLOCKS +



WE GO FORTH

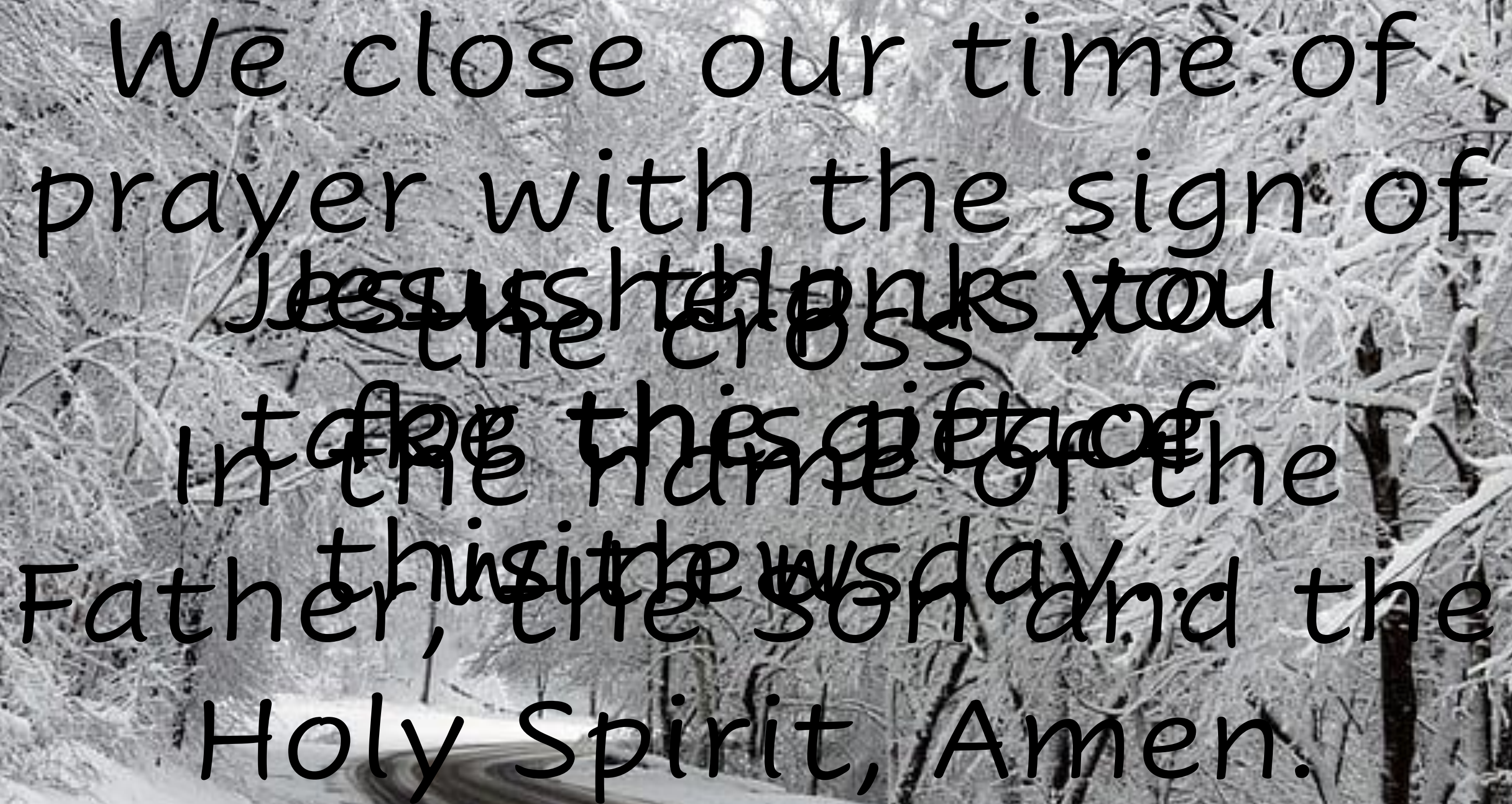
THE WORK OF
CHRISTMAS BEGINS:

TO FIND THE LOST +
TO HEAL THE BROKEN +
TO FEED THE HUNGRY +
TO RELEASE THE PRISONER +
TO REBUILD THE NATIONS +
TO BRING PEACE
AMONG PEOPLE +
TO MAKE MUSIC IN THE HEART +

I wonder what will your work of Christmas will be...
Take a moment to think...

*We prepare to close
our time of prayer
together.*





We close our time of
prayer with the sign of
the cross
In the name of the
Father, the Son and the
Holy Spirit, Amen.

