



A heartfelt  
"Merry Christmas"  
to all of you.  
good friends



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Come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
Come ye... come ye to Bethlehem

### The Legends of Christmas

THERE ARE almost as many Christmas legends and superstitions as there have been Christmases. Countless customs from the Old World have been absorbed through the centuries into the celebrations that we participate in today. A few, however, have been passed down from one generation to another, remaining always the same.

The Indians of Canada, for example, believe that the deer kneel in prayer each Christmas Eve. An early missionary probably is responsible for the idea, but it still lingers and wily Indians have always attempted to catch the deer in the act.

In England, it is believed that the bees express veneration for the

nativity by singing in their hives at midnight. The bee hives are always adorned with holly sprigs for the Yuletide season.

In Europe it was custom for a young girl to creep to the family woodpile on Christmas Eve and pull out the first stick that her hand touched. If the stick was a straight one, with no knots, tradition said that she would have a good husband.

Farmers in Europe also gave torches to their children and sent them singing into the apple orchards and the fields. The mice, caterpillars and moths were said to flee before the approaching songsters.

In early Germany it was a belief that water turned into wind during the hour before midnight on Christmas Eve.



May you have  
a lifetime of  
the kind  
of happiness  
you find on  
Christmas  
morning

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May the peace of  
the season be in  
all your hearts



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Our hope, this  
year as always,  
is for lasting  
peace on earth.



For our many good  
friends we wish  
only that they may  
share fully in it.

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EVERY AVERAGE American home will have a Christmas tree this year. Traditional and symbolic as the trees are, they present a great fire hazard, and should be carefully watched.

Remember that when you bring a tree into the house it is going to dry up. A freshly-cut tree will not take fire any easier than the evergreen trees growing outside, but the hazard increases by the hour. For this reason, it is not wise to put up the tree too early before Christmas day or to leave it too long after the 25th. Trees of all kind will become highly inflammable at the end of a week.

Families, clubs, churches or organizations that wish to keep their trees up longer than a week should take special safeguards to keep it reasonably safe.

The tree can be kept fresh by setting it up in a pan of water. Cut off the base of the tree at an angle at least one inch above the original cut and keep it standing in water during the entire period it remains in the house. It may be necessary to add water from time to time to keep the water level above the cut.

Place the tree well away from stoves, radiators, and other sources of heat. When you smoke, stay away from the tree. Also be sure that the tree is secured in such a way that it cannot fall. Do not put it near a doorway where it might block an avenue of escape, should a fire occur.

### Christmas Was Once Holiday That Moved About on Calendar

Christmas was once a movable feast. The eastern branches of the Christian church usually celebrated it in April or May, Western Europe sometime in January.

In 337 A.D., St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, set out to make the date universal. With the permission of Pope Junius I, he appointed a commission to determine, if possible, the precise date of Christ's nativity. The theologians of the Church finally agreed upon December 25, and since the year 334 this date has been celebrated.

Members of the Greek, Russian and Ukrainian Orthodox churches in the 20th century observed the date of January 7.



A sincere wish for a fine  
holiday to everyone in  
town

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