**Famous People on Christmas**

**Every day should be Christmas, and we should find some way in terms of giving and talking about peace on Earth. (Ed Asner, actor)**

**Somewhere in life every thinking person comes upon his or her Bethlehem, the place of spiritual awareness. Somehow in life, every reasoning person finds a meaning and mission for their place in the scheme of things. Sometime in life, sincerely seeking individuals feel the presence of God's love and grace**

**within themselves. (Marcus Bach, in Because of Christmas)**

**The first day after any Christmas is the first day before the next one. (Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)**

**Jesus, the child of Mary, was born into the world to lead us into a realization of the Christ; the Spirit of God the Father sent His Son to lead the world to love. Christmas is the birthday of all who are born anew into the knowledge of the Lord. (Dr. Nona L. Brooks)**

**Christmas is the one day a year when it’s acceptable to behave the way we should the other 364. *(Keith Carradine, actor)***

**It's easy to be news the first time; it's working over a lifetime that's hard. But as you keep working, you become part of the fabric of people's lives. They come backstage and tell me, "We spent our tenth wedding anniversary at your show," or, "When I graduated from school, you were my present." Okay, I'm not the new kid on the block. But I'm a Christmas gift under the family tree. That's wonderful compensation. *(Carol Channing, actress)***

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**It’s good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmastime. (Charles Dickens)**

**I have always thought of Christmastime, when it has come round, as a good time; forgiving, charitable time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. . . . And so as Tiny Tim said: “A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears. God bless us, every one.” (Charles Dickens)**

**I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. *(Charles Dickens)***

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**Christmas is the most glorious tradition on the face of the earth, the sweetest story ever told, but it must be brought to earth, we must see that it is part of our everyday living and that the Christ spirit is continually being born in us. *(Dr. Ernest Holmes)***

**Your children need your presence more than your presents. (Rev. Jesse Jackson)**

**A lovely thing about Christmas is that it’s compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together. *(Garrison Keillor, in Leaving Home)***

**May we not “spend” Christmas, or “observe” Christmas, but rather “keep” it. (Peter Marshall, in Let's Keep Christmas)**

**I never could see why people were so happy about Dickens’ A Christmas Carol because I never had any confidence that Scrooge was going to be different the next day. *(Dr. Karl Menninger, American psychiatrist)***

**It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand. (Mother Teresa of Calcutta)**

**On Christmas Day, when our family gathers around the table, we'll bow our heads to say grace, thankful for the food before us and for the best gift the Lord ever gave us, each other. (Dolly Parton)**

**Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. *(Norman Vincent Peale)***

**Regardless of how you deal with your particular situation, take time to visit with the Christ in you. That can be your greatest Christmas gift to yourself and others, as it opens the way for harmony, abundance, joy, energy and peace. (Catherine Ponder)**

**We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice. (Pope Paul VI)**

**So if a Christian is touched only once a year, the touching is still worth it, and maybe on some given Christmas, some quiet morning, the touch will take. (Harry Reasoner, American broadcast journalist)**

**Peace on earth will come to stay when we live Christmas every day. *(Helen Steiner Rice)***

**One of the most glorious messes in the world is the mess created in the living room on Christmas Day. Don’t clean it up too quickly. *(Andy Rooney)***

**And that's the glory of Christmas -- to give the best you can. We must all learn to give of ourselves the year round. Give God the best that you can. Give him the rest of your life. (Robert H. Schuller)**

**Heap on more wood! the wind is chill, but let it whistle as it will. We’ll keep our Christmas merry still. (Sir Walter Scott)**

**If Christmas didn’t already exist, man would have had to invent it. There has to be at least one day in the year to remind us we’re here for something else besides our general cussedness. (Eric Sevareid, American journalist and commentator)**

**At Christmas I no more desire a rose than wish a snow in May’s new-fangled mirth; but like of each thing that in season grows. *(William Shakespeare)***

**As you get older, you get tired of doing the same things over and over again**

**so you think Christmas has changed. It hasn’t. It’s you who has changed. (Harry S. Truman)**

**It is my heart-warming and world embracing Christmas hope and aspiration that all of us -- the high, the low, the rich, the poor, the admired, the despised,**

**It is my heart-warming and world embracing Christmas hope and aspiration that all of us -- the high, the low, the rich, the poor, the admired, the despised, the loved, the hated, the civilized, the savage -- may eventually be gathered in heaven of everlasting rest and peace and bliss -- except the inventor of the telephone. (Mark Twain, 1890 Christmas prayer)**

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**How many through the centuries have found shelter and care, fire and food, because the Christ child and his mother and the patient Joseph were crowded that first Christmas night out of the inn and lay in the stable! (Henry Van Dyke)**

**There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day, and that is, keeping Christmas. Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world; to put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to know that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness--are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas. (Henry Van Dyke)**

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**Now I'm an old Christmas tree, the roots of which have died. "They," just come along and while the needles fall off me replace them with medallions. (Orson Welles)**

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