

## **Benediction for January 1, 2017**

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,  
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 the people,  
To make music in the heart.

Let us be the work of Christmas  
this day and forever, all in the name  
of the Father,  
of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.