Special Blessings

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Read: Ephesians 1:3-14

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ*. – Ephesians 1:3 (NIV)

The Christmas season of 2015 will always be a special one to me. It was the first year our oldest daughter, Sarah, spent the holidays with us. The process of adopting Sarah and the subsequent period of adjustment were bittersweet. Even as we celebrated her as an addition to our family, we were reminded that adoption does not mean a child has gained the whole world at once – often, there is grief in the process. When I reflect on that specific season of our lives, I am reminded how sincerely my family sought to envelope her with love, acceptance, grace, and our physical presence.

God’s love for us is just as diligent, just as patient as the love a family holds for its newest member. As we travel through this new and different season of Advent in 2020, I pray each of you is reminded that, regardless of the journey you are on, God’s love is waiting for you. He accepts you with grace and envelops you with His presence.

*Prayer*: Heavenly Father, help us to remember your love for us surrounds us in abundance. Help us to lean into you when we are seeking grace. Thank you for the provision of love you gave us in your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the redemption and acceptance we find through His sacrifice. Amen.