

## THE BLESSING OF

## the Christmas Tree

Before celebrating this blessing, you will need to invite one family member to be prepared to light the tree, and another family member to be prepared to place a new or special ornament upon the tree.

Begin by inviting family members to gather around the unlit Christmas tree.

Sing together a verse of a favorite Christmas carol, pray together the Sign of the Cross, and then offer the following prayer of blessing:

God of all creation,  
as we gather around this tree,  
we ask your blessing upon us.

*(The appointed family member  
should light the tree.)*

May your light surround us,  
and show us the way to love and serve you  
throughout this Christmas season.

*(The appointed family member should  
place the ornament upon the tree.)*

May all who gather here with us  
enjoy the beauty of this tree,  
the warmth of laughter,  
and the gift of friendship.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**

