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## Carrying Christmas Into the New Year:

### *A Season of Goodwill for Every Life*

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Each December, something subtle yet unmistakable settles over our communities. Streets glow with light, strangers offer unexpected smiles, and even those in a rush seem to move with a touch more softness. The Christmas season has a way of slowing the world just enough for us to see one another with warmth, generosity, and goodwill.

It is a season that calls to the very best in us.

Families reach out to those who are isolated. Churches pack food baskets for neighbors who are struggling. Communities come together to celebrate hope, joy, and the quiet miracle of a Child whose birth changed the course of history.

Christmas reminds us, in ways both profound and practical, that every life matters. This beautiful shift in our hearts is something our society longs for far beyond December 25th.

If we carried this spirit of goodwill with us into January, February, and beyond, how differently might we treat those whom our culture often overlooks or dismisses? Christmas, after all, is not merely a holiday; it is a reminder—that the Child born in Bethlehem was God's greatest gift for each and every one of us.

At Christmas, we celebrate a story centered on an expectant mother, a protective father, and a Child whose arrival was met with both wonder and vulnerability. I



wonder, if this sacred narrative doesn't encourage us to remember the unborn child, what would?

In a season when generosity flows freely, we are reminded that extending compassion to mothers in challenging circumstances is one of the most powerful ways we honor the value of every life.

Christmas amplifies nostalgia and tradition. It pulls families back together across miles and years and brings special tenderness toward grandparents and older relatives whose wisdom and presence enrich our celebrations.

This same tenderness is needed throughout the year for the elderly who face loneliness, diminished mobility, or the devastating suggestion that their lives have somehow become burdensome.

The season invites us to ask:

*What if we treated every person with the same reverence and goodwill we feel during this time of year?*

At Christmas pageants and concerts, children of every ability take the stage. Communities applaud them with enthusiasm

that expects—and demands—no perfection. In these moments, our collective heart is on display: we instinctively recognize the unrepeatable value of every child, every person, regardless of ability.

Carrying this recognition into the rest of the year calls us to build a culture where every individual is affirmed, supported, and welcomed.

Christmas tells us in an unmistakable way that light shines brightest in the darkest places. It tells us that even in a world marked by uncertainty and hardship, every life is a gift—unearned, irreplaceable, and infinitely valuable.

The compassion we witness during the holidays doesn't need to be seasonal. The goodwill that fills our neighborhoods in December can be lived out in April or July, and on every day when someone vulnerable needs our protection.

As we celebrate the birth of a Child who came so that all might have life, let us commit to carrying that message forward. May the peace and tenderness of Christmas shape our hearts not only this month, but in every month.

And above all else, let our society learn to see—clearly, joyfully, and consistently—the beauty and dignity in every human life.