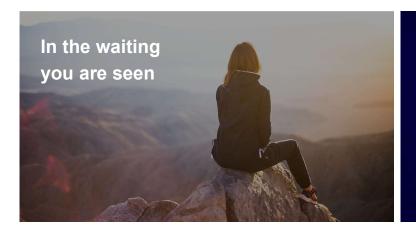




'My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.' (Luke 1:46-48) 'His mercy extends...
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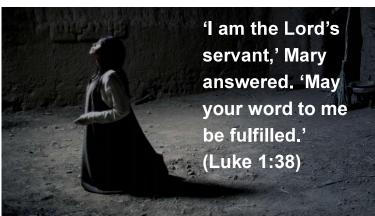
'...because of the tender mercy of our God,...the rising sun will... shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.'
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'A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit... with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.' (Isaiah 11:1, 4) 'You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants for ever; his kingdom will never end.' (Luke 1:31-33)







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