

# The Queen's Christian Faith

"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate [at Christmas], is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none." (2014)

"His [Jesus'] life thus began in humble surroundings, in fact in a stable, but he was to have a profound influence on the course of history, and on the lives of generations of his followers. You don't have to be rich or powerful in order to change things for the better, and each of us in our own way can make a contribution." (1986)



"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings and to put my trust in God." (2002)

"Many will have been inspired by Jesus' simple but powerful teaching: love God and love thy neighbour as thyself – in other words treat others as you would like them to treat you. His great emphasis was to give spirituality a practical purpose." (2000)

"For many, [the last few years have] been a time of anxiety, of grief, and of weariness. Yet the Gospel has brought hope, as it has done throughout the ages." (2021)

"Forgiveness lies at the heart of the Christian faith. It can heal broken families, it can restore friendships and it can reconcile divided communities. It is in forgiveness that we feel the power of God's love." (2011)



"As dark as death can be - particularly for those suffering with grief - light and life are greater...May the living flame of the Easter hope be a steady guide as we face the future." (2020)

"[Christmas] is the time of year when we remember that God sent his only Son 'to serve, not to be served.' He restored love and service to the centre of our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. It is my prayer [on] Christmas Day that his example and teaching will continue to bring people together to give the best of themselves in the service of others." (2012)

If you were giving a message to our country what would you say?