



*Blessings, Merry Christmas,
and a Happy New Year to all
our Catholic Women's League
members and friends*

What a year it has been. I have heard and seen many people wishing 2020 to be gone but for all the trials and sorrows of this Covid year there has been much to be grateful for. To send 2020 packing with a, "good riddance," wave would negate all those who have touched us, and all the good we have done to make a difference to the vulnerable. I want to share with you this little prayer that I read as part of the Methven Combined carol service last evening. The simple message aimed at children, but it sums up my hopes for you all this Christmas.

Father in Heaven, we thank you for the gift of Jesus to the world.

Open our heart to welcome his love.

Bless our homes,

and help us to welcome with kindness and joy anyone who visits us.

Help us to be grateful for the good things you have given us,

and to be generous in sharing them with other people.

Kirihimete koa

Susan

