



**THE LORD KEEPS HIS PROMISE**  
**Luke 1:44-55(NIV)**

**44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.**  
**45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”**

**Mary’s Song**

**46 And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord**  
**47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,**  
**48 for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed,**  
**49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.**  
**50 His mercy extends to those who fear him,**

**from generation to generation.**

**51 He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their  
inmost thoughts.**

**52 He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.**

**53 He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.**

**54 He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful**

**55 to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors.”**

**Luke 2:1-7(NIV)**

**The Birth of Jesus**

**1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree  
that a census should be taken of the entire Roman  
world.**

**2 (This was the first census that took place while[\[a\]](#)  
Quirinius was governor of Syria.)**

**3 And everyone went to their own town to register.**

**4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth  
in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David,  
because he belonged to the house and line of David.**

**5 He went there to register with Mary, who was  
pledged to be married to him and was expecting a  
child.**

**6 While they were there, the time came for the baby  
to be born,**

**7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.**