



“Billions of people follow Christ’s teaching
and find in him the guiding light for their lives.
I am one of them...”

QUEEN ELIZABETH II
Christmas message, 2015

Do Great Things for God

Queen Elizabeth II



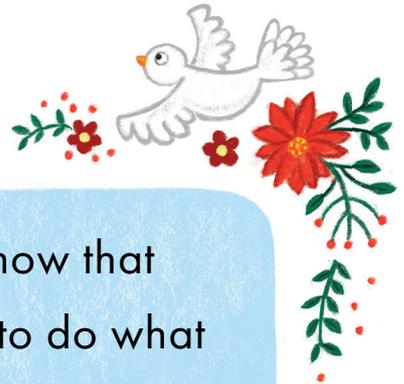
The Queen Who Chose to Serve

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The queen has often talked about her Christian faith in her Christmas messages. Here are some of the things she has said:



"I rely on my faith to guide me ... I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right ... to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God." (2002)



"God sent into the world a unique person — neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) — but a Saviour, with the power to forgive." (2011)





"This is the time of year when we remember that God sent his only Son 'to serve, not to be served.'" (2012, quoting Mark 10 v 45)



"For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life." (2014)



On 6th February 2022, the princess who never expected to be queen had been queen for 70 years. She is the longest-ruling British queen or king, ever.

For Queen Elizabeth, Jesus Christ has been her "Saviour" and her "anchor". She has chosen to serve him all of her life.



Queen Elizabeth II

1926 Princess Elizabeth Alexandra Mary was born on the 21st of April. Although her grandfather was King George V, her father was the king's younger son, meaning Elizabeth was never expected to become queen.

1936 Elizabeth's uncle, King Edward VIII, abdicated. Suddenly, Elizabeth's father became King George VI.

1939 When Elizabeth was 13, World War II broke out. In 1940, Buckingham Palace was bombed, so Elizabeth and her sister, Margaret, were evacuated from London. Their parents stayed in Buckingham Palace to show solidarity with those living through the London Blitz.

1944 Elizabeth joined the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service) when she turned 18. She trained to be a driver and mechanic.

1947 Elizabeth married Prince Philip on the 20th of November. They lived in Malta for two years while Philip served as an officer in the Royal Navy.

1952 King George VI died on the 6th of February, and Elizabeth became queen. Her coronation on the 2nd of June 1953 was attended by 8,000 guests, with crowds of 3 million

in the streets, and watched by 20 million people on television. As well as becoming the British queen, Elizabeth was now the head of the Commonwealth of Nations.

1957 Elizabeth gave her first televised Christmas message.

1977 Britain celebrated the queen's Silver Jubilee (25 years as monarch). Millions celebrated with street parties across Britain. There have been similar celebrations for her Golden (2002) and Diamond (2012) Jubilees.

2022 On the 6th of February 2022, Elizabeth celebrated 70 years as queen (her Platinum Jubilee). She is Britain's longest-serving monarch.

Queen Elizabeth has seen many world-changing events since her coronation in 1953. She has also worked with 14 British prime ministers and has met every US president since Harry S. Truman (except for President Lyndon B. Johnson). The queen's travels have taken her to over 110 countries across six continents, making her Britain's best-travelled as well as longest-reigning monarch. During this time she has also been patron of more than 600 charities and organisations across the UK and the Commonwealth.





Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

1926 – Present

“For even the Son of Man [Jesus] did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10 v 45