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Scriptura (Bible Verse) for November/December:

# Gloria in altissimis Deo, et super terram pax in hominibus bonae voluntatis

(Secundum Lucam 2: 14 VULG)

*Literal translation:*

Glory in the highest places to God, and over the earth peace to people of good will

Notes:

- *Gloria* means 'glory'
- *In* means 'in!'
- *Altissimis* is the superlative (add *-issi-* into a word) of *altus*, 'high.' It is in the ablative plural after the pronoun *in*. Literally, this might be 'in the highests'
- *Deo* is the indirect object form (dative) of *Deus*, God, so it means 'to God.'
- *Et* means 'and.'
- *Super* means 'over, above, on'
- *Terram* means 'earth.' The root word is *terra*. It is in the accusative after the preposition *super*.
- *Pax* means 'peace.' The 'x' becomes a 'c' when you add endings: *pacis*, *pacem*, etc. Words like 'pacifist' are derived from this.
- *In* means 'in,' but can also include our English 'into,' and 'among' and 'for.'
- *Hominibus* means human beings. The root word is *homo*, and here it is ablative after the preposition *in*.
- *Bonae* means ('of) good.' The root word is *bonus*. It is genitive singular because it goes with the next word, *voluntatis*.
- *Voluntatis* means 'will' or 'purpose' or 'favor.' It is in the genitive here, people of good will.