

Prayers

A Prayer for Advent

Loving God,
In this season of watching and waiting,
we come before You with open hands and expectant hearts.
The world around us rushes on,
yet You invite us to slow our steps
and lift our eyes to the light that is coming.

As the prophets once longed for Your promised Messiah,
teach us to long for Your presence with the same courage and trust.
Where we are weary, give us strength.
Where we are troubled, bring Your peace.
Where we are restless, grant us patience.
Where we are hurting, speak Your healing word.

Christ Jesus,
You are the Light who shines in the darkness.
Shine in the shadowed places of our hearts
and in the troubled corners of our world.
Give us grace to recognise Your coming
in quiet kindness,
in unexpected generosity,
in the small mercies that pass between people every day.

Holy Spirit,
Awaken us to the hope of Your Kingdom.
Help us to prepare room within ourselves
for the One who comes in humility and power.
Strengthen our love for our neighbours.
Stir our courage to pursue justice and peace.
Shape our lives into signs of Your compassion.

God of promise,
As we journey through Advent,
may we walk in the light of Your word
and rest in the assurance of Your faithfulness.
Make us ready for the joy of Christ's birth
and for the new creation You bring.

Amen

