

In this Advent of expectation,
draw us together in unity,
that our praise and worship
might echo in these walls
and also through our lives.
In this Advent of expectation,
draw us together in mission,
that the hope within
might be the song we sing,
and the melody of our lives.
In this Advent of expectation,
draw us together in service,
that the path we follow
might lead us from a stable
to a glimpse of eternity.

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Maranatha! Open our eyes
to the dignity of all people
And our ears to the cries of the earth.
Maranatha!
Let us walk in solidarity with the poor
And cleanse our world from oppression.
Maranatha!
Let us shout out for justice for all
And renew our hope for change.
Maranatha!
The Lord is coming
Let us share the Good News!

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God of Love, Your son, Jesus,
is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during
the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
our Saviour.

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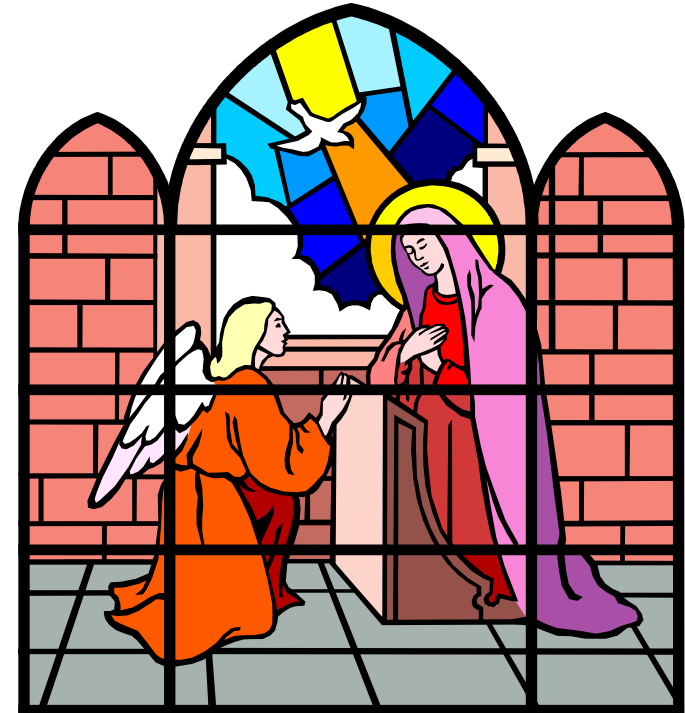


God of love, from the very beginning
you were at work in your world
preparing the way for your kingdom:
we praise you for the witness of the
prophets as they proclaimed
the coming of the Messiah;
we praise you for the ministry of
John the Baptist, a voice in the
wilderness calling for repentance,
preparing the way of the Lord;
we praise you for all who make the
Gospel known to us
and give us the chance to respond.
Help us now to prepare for Christmas,
not only materially but also spiritually,
so that we may celebrate
the birth of Jesus Christ
and receive him into our lives.

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Prayers for Advent



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Lord Jesus, Master of both the light
and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do,
seek quiet spaces
to hear your voice each day,
We, who are anxious over many things,
look forward to your coming among us.
We, who are blessed in so many ways,
long for the complete joy
of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy,
seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in
darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say: "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Henri J.M. Nouwen

Maranatha

God of hope,
who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope,
who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope,
who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent
time.

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Almighty God,
as your blessed Son Jesus Christ
first came to seek and to save the lost;
so may he come again to find in us
the completion of his redeeming work;
for he is now alive
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

The Church of England



Come Lord, come again.
Come Lord, your wounded world is
yearning for you to come again.
Come Lord, your weary world is crying
out for you to lift us up
out of our despair, our hunger,
our thirst for something better,
our need for the food that will last.
Come Lord, come again,
we need to begin again.

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Advent God,
we journey with you, to Bethlehem's
Stable and a new-born King,
ears attuned to the song of angels,
eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.
Forgive us if on our journey we are
Distracted by the tempting offers
of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame with the hope
of Christmas, and the promise
of a Saviour.

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With expectant waiting we anticipate
your coming. Come close to us,
Lord, come very close.
Come, Alpha and Omega,
who is from before the ages.
Come, Son of Joseph and Son of Mary,
who went down to Nazareth to be
obedient to them.
Come, Morning Star,
who named the stars.
Come, carpenter from Nazareth,
who knows the smell of planed wood.
Come, Beloved Son of God,
who knows the heart of God.
Come, Son of Man,
who knows the hearts of God's people.
Come, Lord of Life and Prince of Peace.
Come, Dayspring and Rising Sun.
Come, Wonderful Counsellor.
Come Emmanuel, God with us;
God very close to us.

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