

ADVENT PRAYER

Merciful God,
we come to place before you the concerns of our lives
and the sufferings of the world.
In the midst of skepticism and doubt of your loving being,
kindle your light in the hearts of all people
to feel your presence,
to trust in your faithful covenant,
to have faith in your promises of salvation,
to believe in the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One.
In your mercy, we pray:

♪ **Sung Response**

Maranatha!



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In the midst of religious plurality,
which can cause suspicion and hatred within communities,
kindle your light in the hearts of all peoples
to honour each other as your children, born in your image,
to respect each other's beliefs,
to end the use of religion to exercise political and social power,
to stop discrimination and division based on religion.
In your mercy, we pray:

♪ **Sung Response**

Maranatha!



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In the midst of terrorist threats and wars in the name of religion,
kindle your light in the hearts of all peoples
to turn our weapons of death into instruments of life,
to seek truth, peace and justice,
to offer genuine forgiveness and love,
to work together in harmony as sisters and brothers
in caring for victims,
in comforting those in distress,
in consoling those who live in fear.
In your mercy, we pray:

♪ **Sung Response**

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As we wait for the coming of Jesus Christ,
kindle your light in our hearts
to keep us watchful and hopeful,
to open our lives to Christ's coming in many ways through all our days
- even in the least expected ways,
to witness to Christ's ministry and love to our neighbours,
to work together for peace and reconciliation with our neighbours,
to pray for our concerns in this congregation and in our lives

(a moment of silence or praying aloud).

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Gracious God,
in your loving embrace hear our prayers and grant all that we need
to live in anticipation of Christ's glorious advent.

Amen.

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