

# Advent Prayers

## God of Hope

God of hope,  
we cling to you,  
for your renew the face of the earth.

Through the gift of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus,  
we follow you on the path of dawn.

Enlightened by your love and wisdom,  
help us to lead each other  
and all creatures  
back to your open arms.  
Amen.

## Wake us up Lord!

God of Salvation,  
Wake us up Lord!  
The night is nearly over.  
Let us begin our Advent journey.  
Move us from our lives  
Of greed and selfishness,  
From our globalised world  
Of inequality and exploitation,  
To your kingdom  
Of righteousness and mercy.  
To a transformed world,  
Where peace is built on understanding not weapons,  
The poor are empowered to live their lives to the full,  
Businesses are built on need not greed  
And your Creation is nurtured not abused.  
Wake us up Lord!  
Let us live as people of the light.  
Amen.

## Marantha

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Open our eyes to the dignity of all people  
And our ears to the cries of the earth.

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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!  
Amen.

## Light up our Lives

Christ, come into our world of darkness  
Light up our lives with your coming.  
Fulfil all our longings with the joy of your birth  
Strengthen our resolve to work for change in our world  
And to share the hope of your birth that each Advent brings.  
Amen.

## An Advent People

God of light, shine forth,  
show us how  
to bring hope to others.

God of mercy, help us  
to comfort your people  
and share in their joy.

God of hope, make us an Advent people,  
preparing the way for life  
in all its fullness.

Amen.