



# **Advent Prayers**

#### **Advent 1**

In the beginning you said,
"Let there be light" and there was!
We pray for people living through hard, troubling times: the anxious, the bereaved, the lonely.
We thank you for people whose courage and hope have lit up the dark places of this world.
We pray for ourselves that your light will ease our fears and show us the way. Amen.

# **Advent 2**

All over the world, people are waiting and hoping for your coming.

They are waiting and hoping for a world where everyone will have enough to live, where the strong will not take from the weak and where all may have hope for a future in safety.

In our watching and our waiting, in our hoping and our fearing, come, Lord Jesus. Amen.



### **Advent 3**

Come Holy Child, greet us on our streets, meet us at home or at work, teach us to pray and do not hide from our need.

May your chuckle bring us hope, may your tears make us long for peace, may your arrival be the joy of the world. Amen *from A Star-filled Grace by Rachel Mann.* 

#### **Midwinter**

God of all creation, of bare forest and low northern skies, of paths unknown and never to be taken, of damp earth, bramble and sparrow.

We thank you for light, even in its midwinter failing, we thank you for life, for its hope and resistance, like a seed dying and living.

Amen from A Star-filled Grace by Rachel Mann.

# **Advent 4**

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas star and angels gave the sign. (Christina Rossetti)

God of deepest love, you came to show us how to love.

Fill us to overflowing with that same love,
that we might bring light, hope and joy
to all those we meet this Christmas. Amen.

