The Prayers of the People
Advent

*Leader:* Let us pray to the Lord.

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for [church leaders by name, churches in the diocesan and Anglican Communion cycles of prayer]. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations. We pray for [political leaders by name – president, state, local]. Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to our community as light and life. We pray for all our neighbors who are working to build your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to the suffering as Savior and comforter. We pray especially for:

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Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember especially:

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Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints and angels, we may live and reign with you in your new creation. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.
By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
Amen.