Opening prayer

Lord make me ready. Make me ready to listen, ready to see, ready to worship, ready to receive your gift of love. Make me ready to do, ready to go. Make me ready for all you are making ready for me. Amen.

First Advent Candle

We light our first advent candle for peace.

(1st red Candle is lit)

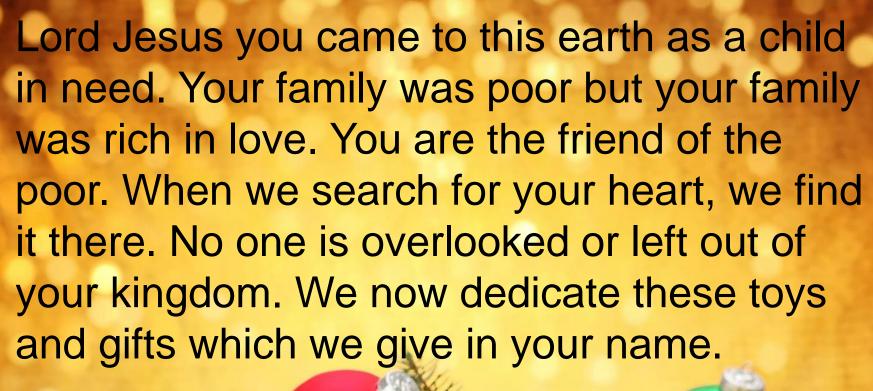
The prophet Isaiah declared: 'In the days to come nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore'.

What on earth are we waiting for?
We are waiting for peace
Jesus is our Prince of peace
Come Lord Jesus
Come fill the earth with peace.

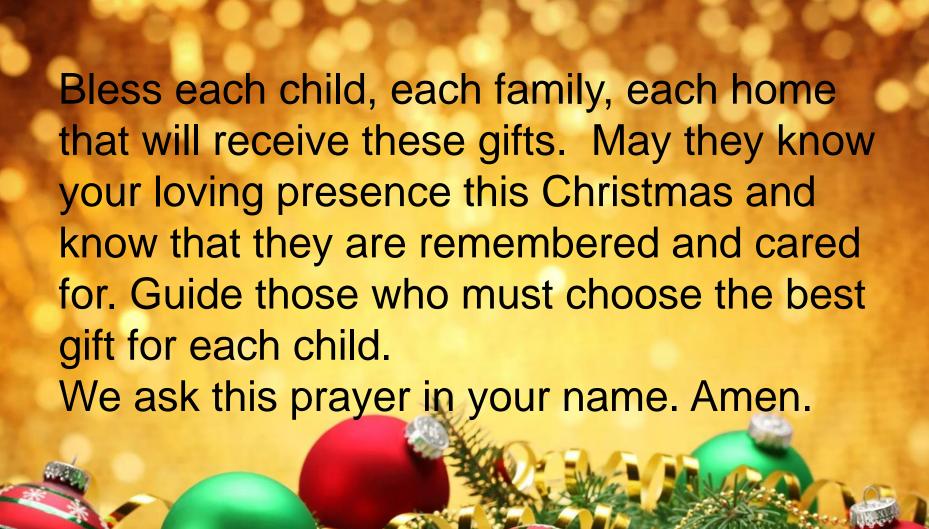
Theme Introduction



Dedication of Toys







All Age Talk









Prayers for others

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

God you are our maker and our Good Shepherd

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

Where there is suffering or sadness among us

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

Where illness, grief or trouble limits our life and our hope

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

When our world changes and there we don't know what the future holds

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

When we are ready to serve, and when we are unready.

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

Across our towns and villages and within our families

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

That we may comfort others.

Comfort your people and make us ready for your coming

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

The Blessing

In our watching and our waiting Come, Lord Jesus In our hopes and in our fears Come, Lord Jesus In our homes and in our world Come, Lord Jesus Come Lord Jesus. Bless us and surprise us as we look forward to your birthday. Amen