

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

Lord Jesus you came to this earth as a child in need. Your family was poor but your family was rich in love. You are the friend of the poor. When we search for your heart, we find it there. No one is overlooked or left out of your kingdom. We now dedicate these toys and gifts which we give in your name.



Bless each child, each family, each home that will receive these gifts. May they know your loving presence this Christmas and know that they are remembered and cared for. Guide those who must choose the best gift for each child. We ask this prayer in your name. Amen.



All Age Talk

The Advent Traffic Light



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Time to wait



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Time to get ready



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Time to go



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