

ADVENT PRAYER SHEET

As we begin Advent,
we light one candle
for the darkness in our lives
and in the world.
It symbolizes our longing,
our desire,
our hope.

What do you hope for? (Pause)

Come, Lord Jesus!

Come and visit your people.

We await your coming.

Come, O Lord.



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shone... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; (Isaiah 9:2, 6)

"Into our beautiful yet wounded world comes Emmanuel, God-with-us,

No matter how broken or seemingly hopeless our world may sometimes seem,

the Advent messages are rich with joyous expectation and longing,

insisting that God can and does bring forth life where none seems possible."

(Pope Francis: Living Advent With Joy and Peace)

Let us pray:

Bring light and life to those who walk in darkness Come Lord Jesus

Bring light and life into our wounded world Come Lord Jesus

Bring light and life to our families and loved ones Come Lord Jesus

Bring light and life to... (add your own intentions) Come Lord Jesus

Master of both the light and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"
Amen.

(Henri Nouwen)

