

Advent Sunday Prayers

Heavenly Father,

As we come to you in prayer this day, Advent Sunday, we thank and praise you for being:

The God of the waiting

The God of Light

The God of Hope

Thank you that as we journey through the darkness of these uncertain times, with all the twists and turns, ups and downs, hopes and fears, you are never changing.

We pray today for those who see only darkness and gloom, for those who have no hope and are full of fear, for those who do not know you ARE the God of Light.

We pause and name before you, someone we long to see turn to you and recognise you for who you truly are.

Father, we lift to you today all those who are ill, in body, mind and spirit. All those caring for them in so many different settings and circumstances.

Father, give them Hope.

We remember those in positions of authority, May they be kind and compassionate leaders. Give them courage as they hold the weight of responsibility on their shoulders.

Father, give them Hope.

Finally, we pray for ourselves. May we also be kind and compassionate and full of grace with those we encounter at home, at work, at school, in the shops and on the streets.

Father, give us Hope.

“Hope is daring, courageous; it has the audacity to reach a hand into the darkness and come out with a handful of light.

Amen