

*While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.*

*Luke 15: 20*

## ADVENT COLLECT

Almighty God,  
give us grace that we may  
cast away the works of  
darkness and put on the  
armour of light,  
now in the time of this  
mortal life in which your  
Son Jesus Christ came  
among us in great  
humility, that on the last  
day,  
when he comes in his  
glorious majesty to judge  
the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life  
immortal; through Him  
who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for  
ever. AMEN

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***Lord teach  
us to pray***

**MU Prayer  
Leaflet**



Dear friends,

Advent is a season of waiting. This Advent leaflet focuses on LOVE particularly love as manifested in waiting. Waiting is full of love - excited waiting as in the birth of a child, or concerned waiting for the results of medical tests, or sad waiting as the bereaved await the funeral of a loved one. Love changes the meaning of waiting. Christ in His waiting, reveals the deepest dimension of the glory of God.

This leaflet is a little different with one reading and prayer reflection for each of the 4 weeks of Advent.

We wait for Christ's coming just as he always waits lovingly for our turning to Him.

Peace and blessing as you await the season of the coming of Christ among us,

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## **FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

**Reading: Mark 13. 24-37**

### **Reflection:**

A tree coming into leaf reminds us of the words of Jesus that the kingdom of God is very near. We are to be always watchful for the coming of Christ.

### **Question:**

***How do I prepare and keep watchful?***

***How can I be more intentional about that this Advent?***

## **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Fill us with your love Lord, we pray and in your great goodness transform us in faith, hope and love as we with all your creation wait eagerly for the coming of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

## **SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**

**Reading: Mark 1. 1-8**

### **Reflection:**

The prophets of the Old Testament waited and longed for the Messiah. John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the Messiah and pointed his disciples away from himself and towards Jesus.

### **Question:**

***In my daily life and work do I point others towards Jesus Christ?***

***How can I be more intentional about that this Advent?***

## **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

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## **THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

**Reading: John 1. 6-8**

### **Reflection:**

God's great love was revealed to the world in the coming of Christ, the long-expected one. True knowledge is knowledge of God's love, and the desire to grow always in the image of that love.

### **Question:**

***How can I show love to one person I find hard to love?***

***How can I be more intentional about that this Advent?***

## **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

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## **FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**

**Reading: Luke 1.26-38**

### **Reflection:**

Mary's response of obedient faith despite her questions is a sign of her love. It sets her on a path which becomes more and more demanding of her love to the point where a sword shall pierce her very soul.

### **Question:**

***How do I respond to God's call as I begin another Church year?***

***How can I be more intentional about that this Advent?***

## **PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

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