

## **The Glory of Advent reflective prayer activity**

*These Advent prayers and reflections may be used as the basis for an Advent Quiet Day, a shorter prayer activity or as separate reflections throughout Advent. You may like to provide a visual display for each section, connected with the theme, to enhance your reflections.*

### Preparing for glory

**God of light and wonder  
prepare our souls for the glory of Advent.  
Illumine our way as we journey anew  
to meet the newborn Christ.**

*A voice cries out:  
In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed,  
and all people will see it together.  
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.  
Isaiah 40:3, 5*

Prepare the way of the Lord!  
He is the light that comes to darkness,  
he is the strength that comes to weakness,  
he is the wind we hear approaching  
like a mighty roar of thunder.

**The Lord is near!  
Prepare the way,  
and sing of his glory,  
all his people. Amen**

### Light of glory

**God of light and wonder  
transform our lives with the glory of Advent.  
Illumine our way as we journey anew  
to meet the newborn Christ.**

*God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
made his light shine in our hearts  
to give us the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God in the face of Christ.  
2 Corinthians 4:6*

Gracious God, we joyfully await  
the dawning of your Light, Jesus Christ.  
May his glorious radiance  
pierce through the gloom of uncertainty.  
May the light of his Word  
shatter the darkness of injustice.  
May the warmth of his love  
melt the winter of selfishness.

**Transform us into a people of his light,  
that we may reflect your glory  
to our waiting world. Amen**

### Sound of glory

**God of light and wonder  
attune us to hear the glory of Advent.  
Illumine our way as we journey anew  
to meet the newborn Christ.**

*Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared  
with the angel, praising God and saying:  
Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.*  
Luke 2:13-14

Joy is re-kindled in our hearts  
as we listen anew to the Advent promise of glory;  
the majesty of the holy reaching down to earth.  
We join with the company of angels;  
our praises resound throughout eternity  
and mingle with the worship of heaven:

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth grace and peace to those  
on whom his favour rests. Amen**

### Sight of glory

**God of light and wonder  
open our eyes to the glory of Advent.  
Illumine our way as we journey anew  
to meet the newborn Christ.**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.  
We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only,  
who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*John 1:14*

As we watch and wait for the promised one,  
open our eyes to the glory of your appearing.  
Fix our gaze on your grace and truth,  
revealed in the face of our infant Messiah;  
the sight of love incarnate.

**Lord, show us your glory.  
Open our eyes to your grace and truth.  
Lead us to the newborn Christ  
that we may gaze in worship. Amen**

### Tell of his glory

**God of light and wonder  
may we reflect the glory of Advent.  
Illumine our way as we journey anew  
to meet the newborn Christ.**

God wanted his people throughout the world to know the  
glorious riches of this mystery—which is Christ living in you,  
giving you the hope of glory.

*Colossians 1:26-27*

Lord of glory,  
speak to us afresh of the coming of our Messiah.  
Give us words of hope for those who need to hear.  
Help us spread the news of wondrous salvation,  
echoing down the years in a newborn baby's cry.

**As the people blessed of God  
we will tell of your glory.  
We will be your messengers,  
proclaiming heaven to those  
in need of a Saviour's touch. Amen**

### Eternal glory

**God of light and wonder  
eternity shines through the glory of Advent.  
Illumine our way as we journey anew  
to meet the newborn Christ.**

*At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great  
glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.*

*Luke 21:27-28*

Wondrous Messiah  
we anticipate your future glory  
as we make our way through Advent.  
As we journey to the stable; walk onwards in faith,  
we will watch for the coming of our Heavenly King.

**Awaken our souls; open our hearts  
that we may be watchful and alert  
for the coming of the King of glory,  
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**

### Blessing

**May we journey through Advent  
in joyful anticipation  
of the coming of our Messiah,  
in his manifold glory. Amen**