

## ADVENT 3

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth  
as a burning and shining light.  
May we your servants rejoice in his light,  
and so be led to witness to him  
who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom,  
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

## ADVENT 4

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
Your light has shone in our darkened world  
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;  
grant that we who have seen your glory  
may daily be renewed in your image  
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,  
who is the Lord and Saviour of all.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children,  
who long for your coming.**



## Advent Prayers for Church

### ADVENT 1

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith  
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.  
May we be obedient to your call  
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,  
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
Be born in our hearts this Christmastide,  
be king of our lives today.**

### ADVENT 2

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,  
to you be praise and glory for ever!  
Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets  
but in our days you speak through your Son  
whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
Grant us, your people, to walk in his light  
that we may be found ready and watching  
when he comes again in glory and judgment;  
for you are our light and our salvation.  
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**Lord Jesus, Light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmastide  
and show all the world God's love.**

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