



Call to Prayer

Prepare me this Advent, O Lord,
to welcome you into my heart.

Reading from Scripture Luke 3:4-6

"A voice of one crying out in the desert:
'Prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

An Advent Prayer

God of peace,
in a broken world grown cold and dark,
we wait for your reign to dawn in its fullness.
We wait in hope
for we remember the tender love
you have offered us throughout history:
freeing those oppressed by slavery,
bringing exiles home,
and sending Jesus to save us from death.

O God,
as I remember your deeds of mercy,
I offer you my life.
Send me into the world as a herald of your reign:
stirring up the love of Christ in human hearts,
promoting human dignity,
and inviting all to share in
the fullness of your grace.
So may I prepare the way of the Lord.

Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Saint Joseph, our Protector, pray for us.