



A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

O come, Emmanuel.
We enter this time of Advent
With holy anticipation.
We enter this sacred season
With bated breath.

O come, Emmanuel
We're prone to get tangled
In sparkling lights and glittering tinsel,
Lost in to-do list,
Swallowed in seas
Of ribbons and restless hearts and weary souls

O come, Emmanuel
Our nights have not been silent,
Calm, or bright.
We have been up late
Squinting at the stars,
Trying to make sense
Of the hurting world our children will inherit
And our weary hearts in it all.

O come, Emmanuel.
We see the wonder etched in our children's eyes
And we ask for our grown up anxieties
To be set free
As we await the day to celebrate
The God who made a way

O come, Emmanuel.
The whole world waits for you
We are at war with each other
And ourselves.
We have clung to our idols
Of power and pocketbooks,
And we cry out for the ways
We have reflected King Herod,
Even as we ache for You,
Prince of Peace

O come, Emmanuel.
We anticipate great news
That we so desperately need.
Break into this world
Bring joy to the people,
Hope to the hopeless,
Light to the darkness.
Help us prepare the way
In our hearts and in our home,
In our family and in our children.
As we hang stocking and ornaments,
As we frost cookies and tie bows,
We thank You for this time of anticipation
And for the glimmers of Your light
Spilling in even now.
O Come, Emmanuel.



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