

Prayer for Advent

The Prophet Isaiah called us
To recognize that in the land of deep darkness
A Light will shine forth, flaming out in brilliance,
To guide our faltering steps, to open the path,
To move us forward to hope.
To joy, to justice, and to peace.

The Prophet Isaiah also called us
To recognize that if we cared for those in poverty
We would shine like stars in the heavens,
We would shine on a world in despair
So in need of light, of compassionate wisdom,
Of the care a fragile child in Bethlehem once needed.

The radiance of a holy child born in an impoverished place
Sets off sparks that can enkindle our hearts,
If we can listen carefully and recognize
What this birth calls us to, what roads forward
Are illuminated so we can partake of that fire
That can transform ourselves, our lives,
As we struggle to transform this world.

Come, O Christ, we are longing for your light.
Come, O Christ, that we may partake in this light
by our care for your children and your Creation. Amen.

