

## **OPENING PRAYER**

Our faith is strengthened by the message of the Gospel of John. He tells us that the Word of God has become one among us, the incarnate son of God, sent to share the truths of Gods goodness and love. To all who receive him, who believe in his Name he calls to become children of God. May we his children live in faith so as to rise above this world giving witness to Christ and one day dwell in the Fathers house.

**READING:** John 1:1-5

Prayer Together

## **ADVENT PRAYER TO JESUS**

**ALL: COME LORD JESUS**

Table 1-6: You are our eternal salvation,  
The unfailing light of the world.  
Light everlasting,  
You are truly our redemption.

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Table 7 -12: Grieving the human race was perishing  
through the tempter's power,  
without leaving the heights  
You came to the depths in your loving kindness.

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Table 13-18: Readily taking our humanity by your gracious will  
You saved all earthly creatures, long since lost,  
Restoring joy to the world

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Table 19-24: Redeem our souls and bodies, O Christ,  
and so, possess us as Your shining dwellings.  
By your first coming make us righteous;  
At your second, set us free:

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Table 1-24: So that, when the world is filled with light  
and you judge all things,  
We may be clad in spotless robes  
and follow in Your steps, O King  
into the heavenly hall

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## *Reflection*

Invisible in his own nature, he became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, he chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, he began to exist at a moment in time, Lord of the universe, he hid his infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. *St. Leo the Great.*

### THE KING OF GLORY

#### Refrain

The King of Glory comes the nation rejoices,  
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

1. Who is the King of Glory, how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promise of ages.
2. In all the Galilee, in city or village,  
He goes among his people curing their illness.
3. Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and brother:  
In all of Galilee was never another.
4. Who is the King of Glory, how shall we call him?  
He is Emmanuel, the promise of ages.

