

A PRAYER FOR ADVENT

(Human Dignity/Hope)

(Response: "Come, Christ Jesus!")

(Please pause after each intercession to name those to whom we give voice this day.)

As church of every land and culture, people and tongue, we pray ...

As leaders, small before the need for wisdom, we pray ...

As peacemakers, whose star-bright horizon is forgiveness in the human heart, we pray ...

As lovers of the earth, who tend its yearning in affection and humility, we pray ...

As searchers, restless for the dream of God, we pray ...

As victims of our world's violence, greed and delusion, we pray ...

As those torn in body, mind and spirit, we pray ...

As the poor whose God is enough for them, we pray ...

As those who ache with fear and loss, we pray ...

As children, fragile in wonder and laughter, we pray ...

As the cast-off, despised, unseen of our society who bear the face of God, we pray ...

As women and men whose triumph is the gift of life, we pray ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

O God of Mystery and Tenderness, of Light to the darkness of peoples and nations, watch with us as we wait, as we greet this day, as we sing the song of Mercy which sounds to join the voice of your voice: your word becoming flesh. Amen.