



## Prayers on Waiting for the Lord

*O Lord, we pray for Your Divine presence in the teachings of Your Word. Kindle the light of Your truth in our understanding. Breathe Your spirit upon us, that we may know Your way, and come increasing to know Your presence forever. Amen. (General Church Liturgy, adapted)*

*As we celebrate Your birth this Advent season, we pray that You will help us focus our minds on the real purpose and meaning of Christmas. Help us to think of Christmas not only as a time of giving and receiving natural gifts, but a time to give spiritually as well. May we learn to give the gifts of love and wisdom, of faithfulness and sincerity, and as You gave yourself to us, may we give ourselves to others. We recognize that in giving spiritual things we are not giving things that are our own, but things in us that come from You—for without You we have nothing good to give. Help us, then, to open our hearts with joy so that we might become channels of Your eternal qualities, for as we do so, we give in the true spirit of Your advent. Amen. (Rev. Andrew M.T. Dibb)*

*Lord, we are walking in the darkness, waiting and hoping for your light to shine on us. Come and be born in our lives and dwell with us. Amen.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Your coming is like the dawn, and happens when we receive You into our lives by acknowledging that You alone are our God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Savior. Open our understanding to that we may begin to see, understand, and live according to Your truth. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Amen. (see True Christian Religion 766; Revelation 22:21)*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Teach us to receive you into our hearts and minds. Let us feel in Your coming a new warmth and light in our lives. Help us to feel Your presence with us as an oasis in the desert, like fresh springs of water in a dry and thirst land. Come to Your temple and dwell within us. Amen.*