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Lord, as we enter this time may you stir our hearts to move towards you.

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We pray for those who do not have enough. Help us to see the needs in our community and to respond with love, and practical help.

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Lord, be with us as we move into the busy Advent and Christmas season.

Help us to put aside time to spend with you.

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We pray for people who will be apart from their whanau and loved ones this season.

May they know your presence and may we show them our love and care.

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We pray for places in the world where there is war and chaos.

Be with the people who are working for peace

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We pray for the people who find this time of year hard.
Help us to care for them.

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We pray for our church leaders
(take turns to name them)
We give thanks for their ministry.
May they lead us with integrity
and courage

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We pray for the leaders in our country

May you help them lead with compassion and wisdom

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Lord, as we remember Mary and Joseph seeking a place to rest and fleeing persecution, we pray for those who are homeless and stateless.

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We pray for those who are sick, may you bring comfort and healing.

Help us as we care for the people we love.

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We pray for leaders around the world as they balance the needs of their own country as well as the global community.

May they lead with wisdom and respect.

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Lord, as we hear stories of how you worked in the lives of Mary, Joseph, Shepherds and Magi, may our hearts open to hear your voice.

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