

Written prayers

Advent waiting – God with us and God still to come

This prayer was written in during Advent 2011, as part of a [blog post](#) on waiting.

Ever-present God, source of all love, hope and life -

God with us and God still to come -

We lift to you all who are waiting today.

We rejoice with all those who are joyfully expectant of change or breakthrough

And mourn with all those for whom it seems distant,

Or who are coping with the fear of bad news.

For poor communities still waiting for climate justice -

Lord Jesus please come.

For people living with AIDS and still waiting for access to medication, or desperate for a cure -

Lord Jesus please come.

For those waiting for HIV test results, or fearing stigma -

Lord Jesus please come.

For citizens longing for a return to stability and peace, or the right to freedom -

Lord Jesus please come.

For all who are hungry, thirsty and tired, or anxious about being able to pay bills -

Lord Jesus please come.

For all who are worried, distressed or burdened -

Lord Jesus please come.

God with us and God still to come,

Very-present help in trouble, delay and pain,

May your love and mercy be close - and active - for all who wait for you

And all who simply wait.

Amen.