



Prayer to Our Lady of Advent

**Our Lady of Advent,
Mother of all our longings,
you who felt the child take form
in your womb, the Hope
of your people,
the salvation of God,
Uphold our corporal and spiritual
maternity and paternity.
Mother of all our hopes,
you who welcomed the Spirit's strength,
giving flesh to God's promises,
grant us to incarnate Love,
a sign of God's kingdom,
through every action in our lives.
Our Lady of Advent,
Mother of all our watches,
you who gave a face to our future,
strengthen those who labour in pain**

a new world of justice and peace.

**You who contemplated the Child of Bethlehem,
make us aware of the unexpected signs
of God's gentleness.**

**Our Lady of Advent,
Mother of the Crucified,
reach out to all those who are dying
and walk with them in their new life
in the Father's arms.**

**Our Lady of Advent, Paschal icon,
grant us to joyfully keep a discerning watch
throughout our daily moments and so
to catch the comings and goings**

of Christ our Lord.

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