

# A Family Prayer for Advent

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Loving God,  
as your light grows in the dark of winter,  
bring its strength and its hope to all people  
who suffer through war and conflict,  
povety and injustice.

Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem  
to lead the way to your Son,  
guide all people - leaders and citizens –  
to follow your ways of peace and justice.

As we remember the difficult journey  
of Mary and Joseph,  
may the Holy Family be a source  
of courage for each of us,  
helping us to reach out in friendship to  
all in need in this world and in our community.

Help us to see in the Christ-child  
we welcome this Christmas,  
the one who who came to bring an end  
to all divisions and injustice.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
And may the Lord bless us, keep us safe,  
and fill us with hope  
this Advent day and always. Amen.  
Come, Lord Jesus.

*Pilgrims of Hope*  
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