



# Advent Hope

## RECEIVING HOLY RENEWAL

Advent is a season of holy waiting, teaching us the sacred rhythm of watching and preparing for God's arrival. As we anticipate the birth of Jesus, we also **prepare our hearts for the renewal God is stirring across the Covenant Church.**

These prayers are an invitation away from self-reliance and toward Spirit-dependence, shaping us into people whose actions reflect God's hope, peace, joy, and love. Let them form you and your congregation as together we trust God to lead us into new expressions of faithful ministry and mission.

## ADVENT PRAYERS

### God of new beginnings

You breathe life into dry bones and light into darkness.

Renew our hearts to hope in you with humility and trust.

Teach us to lead, not by striving but by depending on your Spirit.

May our actions speak louder than our words, bearing witness to your renewing power in our lives, our churches, and the world you love.

*Amen.*

### Prince of peace

In a world restless with division and fear, renew in us a posture of peace that reflects your presence.

Make us people who draw close during chaos, whose humility and prayerful dependence draw us and others toward wholeness.

May our lives proclaim peace louder than our words ever could.

*Amen.*

### God of joy

You surprise us with grace that breaks through despair.

Renew our spirits to lead with joy that flows from gratitude and surrender.

Let our joy be a testimony drawing others to the hope of your kingdom.

Through your global church help us to embody joy in the waiting.

*Amen.*

### God of steadfast love

You entered our world, not with status but with servanthood.

Renew us to mirror your humility and compassion.

Teach us to love with actions that speak louder than words—with generosity, courage, and dependence on you.

As we celebrate Christ's coming, may our lives model renewal that invites others to encounter your love.

*Amen.*



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