



### Opening Prayer:

Star of Wonder, Radiant Goodness, today I turn to you as the Source of Love.  
I remember your Light dwelling within me. Keep me mindful of your transforming presence.  
Shine this goodness and love on each person with whom I come in contact this day.  
Draw me to your irresistible love. I open my whole being to you.  
I send your love forth into our world. May all those who suffer find solace in your love.  
May all of creation be at peace. Amen [Joyce Rupp](#)

### Psalm Of An Emerging Emmanuel ...

O Come O Come Emmanuel  
I pray with upraised eyes.  
Drop down, O Dew of Heaven,  
that God might walk and talk on earth  
might heal and feed our pain-soaked world.

O Come O Come Emmanuel  
my prayers like searchlights  
comb the starry winter skies.  
Descend from the black hole of some neighboring galaxy  
to green with your grace our barren earth.

Such an Advent waiting prayer  
can be a lifelong profession of patient longing  
unless I know, with all my heart  
that Emmanuel not only comes down  
but also comes forth and emerges.

O Come O Come Emmanuel  
come forth from deep within me  
with Christmas luminous beauty.  
For my heart has become the sacred crib,  
the birthing place of God-among us.

Peace on earth and justice for all  
will only become manifest in our lives  
when enough of your sons and daughters  
awaken to your divine design  
that has made each of us an emerging Emmanuel.

— Edward Hays from [Prayers for a Plantetary Pilgrim: A Personal Manual for Prayer and Ritual](#)

**Reflection:** As we begin to experience Advent 2020 what in the above Psalm touches you?

## **Light of the World      Lauren Daigle**

The world waits for a miracle  
The heart longs for a little bit of hope  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
A child prays for peace on Earth  
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt  
Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel  
And can you hear the angels singing

Glory to the light of the world  
Glory, the light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother  
A baby's cry is the sound of love  
Come down, come down, Emmanuel  
He is the song for the suffering  
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come  
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world. Glory to the light of the world  
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For all who wait .For all who hunger  
For all who've prayed. For all who wonder  
Behold your King    Behold Messiah  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
Glo-glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
Glory to the light of the world  
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Oh come, oh come Emmanuel.

