# Come and See Prayers

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# Reception



## Myself

Father, creator of all,
you 'ordered the earth' to bring forth life
and crowned its goodness by
creating family life.
Teach us the beauty of human love,
show us the value of family life
and help us to live in peace
with everyone. Amen.

#### Welcome

Almighty and eternal God,
you keep together those you have united.
Look kindly on all who follow Jesus your Son.
We are all consecrated to you by our common baptism;
make us one in the fullness of faith
and keep us one in the fellowship of love. Amen.

# <u>Birthday</u>

Today a Saviour is born!
In the stillness of the night God enters human history through the birth of his only Son.
He is our peace and hope.
In him we praise God for his goodness to us in giving us so great a gift. Amen.

## Celebrating

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon who did not die until he had been privileged to welcome the Messiah.

In Sacramental Celebrations we meet the Risen Christ. May he continue to give us life.

Amen.

## Gathering

Lord Jesus Christ,
in you we know the love of God.
When we gather together in your name
we experience the marvel of your loving presence
which challenges us to live for one another.
Help us to follow your example
so that we may never become complacent.
Help us to listen to your constant call to us
to continue the work you began,
you who lived and died for us.
Grant this through your Spirit of Love. Amen.

#### Growing

Lord, when I am hungry
give me someone to feed;

When I am thirsty
give water for their thirst.

When a burden weighs upon me
lay upon my shoulders
the burden of my fellows.

Lord, when I stand
greatly in need of tenderness,
give me someone who yearns for love. May your will be my
bread;

Your grace my strength; Your love my resting place.

#### Good News

Father, pour out your Spirit
upon your people,
and grant us
a new vision of your glory,
a new faithfulness to your Word
and a new consecration to your service,
that your love may grow among us,
and your kingdom come:
through Christ our Lord. Amen

#### Friends

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I have chosen the way of faithfulness;

I set your ordinances before me.

I cling to your decrees,

O Lord; let me not be put to shame.

I run the way of your commandments,

for you enlarge my understanding.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,

and I will observe it to the end.

Give me understanding that I may keep your law

and observe it with my whole heart.

(Psalm 119: 30-34)

