

AWAKEN US, GOD

Responsorial verses (invocation, scripture affirmation, prayer response, offertory, etc.)

To the tune of *Away in a Manger*

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Advent

Hope

God, bless us, your children, for dark is the night;
and help us prepare for the dawn of your light.
Renew our cold spirits and kindle our hearts,
to shine with the hope that your promise imparts.

Joy

We pray that your Word may be born in our hearts,
that we may shine bright with the joy it imparts.
We pray as we wait for Emmanuel's birth
the light of our hope may illumine the earth.

Faith

We wait in a world full of darkness and sin
for news of your realm of Shalom breaking in.
Yet now in the night the blest time hastens on;
awaken our faith in the coming of dawn.

Faith

As Mary prepares for new life to begin
we trust in your Promise still hidden within.
Transfigure our hearts as from night into day,
that we by our faith may prepare you a way.

Grace

Awaken us, God, to the light of your dawn,
the Day of your grace which is hastening on.
Now open our eyes to the true, perfect light
that shines in all things, that we too may burn bright.

Peace

Your advent, Emmanuel, now we embrace,
Your peace with all creatures, your promise of grace.
Your Word is made flesh and your blessing you give,
that we, too, in peace with all others may live.

Peace

Now go in deep peace as you wait for the birth
that opens to us a new heaven and earth,
and comfort the people, preparing a way,
who wait for the dawn of God's glorious day.

Love

The day of our hearts is near dawning at last.
We wake to the light which the morning stars cast:
For all whom we meet shine with light from above,
shine bright with the light of Emmanuel's love.

Love

Now go, full of grace, friends, in all that you do,
with courage, for God has found favor with you..
May God by the Spirit conceive in your soul
the love that God gives you to make the world whole.

Justice, Peace

The Spirit of God is upon you, my friends,
now go in the peace and the light that it sends:
for comfort and healing and captives' release,
the promise of mercy and justice and peace.

Justice

Now go, my beloved, with grace shining bright
to those in the darkness who long for the light.
Be grace and good news to the poor day by day,
in justice and mercy preparing God's way.

*Christmas***Love**

The little child rests in his mother's embrace;
and we have been blessed by God's love and God's grace.
God, open our hearts that we each may know there
Emmanuel's birth in the love that we share.

Joy

The light of Creation now brightens the sky.
"A child is born!" blessed angels now cry.
Awaken us, God, to the joy of our birth,
that we may rejoice in your Realm here on earth.

Faith

Your Word is made flesh; life's rich blessings you give.
Now grant that in faith as your children we live.
Awaken us, God to the dawn in our hearts,
and grant that we live by the light it imparts.

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