

## **Advent 1 – Dec. 1, 2019**

In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer saying, “Lord Jesus come soon.”

We pray for your Church throughout the world in this season of Advent. May we seek repentance, humbling ourselves and asking forgiveness for those things which we have done that we ought not to have done so. That we can come with hope, expectation, and desire – to wait and watch for Christ’s first coming at Christmas and also His second coming at which hour and time we do not know but trust it will be soon.

“Lord Jesus come soon.”

We pray for Canada, Elizabeth our Queen, and for our new government that gets back to work in Parliament Dec. 5, 2019. May our government members seek to work together for the benefit of all. Keep our country strong and free.

“Lord Jesus come soon.”

We pray for the world. God teach nations to cooperate with each other so that all may live peaceably with respect for one another and for your natural creation and its creatures. Help us to overcome disasters which we have helped to create in our ignorance. Help us to share equitably all the bounty you supply.

“Lord Jesus come soon.”

We pray for Gabriola. May your blessings – wonderful music, companionship, friendship, food sharing, medical intervention – be enjoyed this season and that no one will be left out. Make us, Christ Church Gabriola, your servant to serve others in our community in any way we can.

“Lord Jesus come soon.”

We pray for those in need – any kind of need – physical, emotional, mental, economic – the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, those in prison, those with addiction. God help them in these times of trial. Help us to be your servant to them.

“Lord Jesus come soon.”

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ and for those whose faith is known to you alone and we pray for those who mourn – We name them aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

“Lord Jesus come soon.”

Let Christ light penetrate into the inner corridors of our hearts.

Where there is darkness, let there be light.  
Where there is coldness, let there be warmth.  
Where there is doubt, let there be hope.  
Where there is guilt, let there be forgiveness.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus

Amen.