

O God, let us calm down so that I / We might ease into the quiet of this night. (Close your eyes. Relax your body. Be peaceful. Imagine you are looking into the stable at Bethlehem.)

I / We open the stable door;  
I / We kneel before the infant;  
I / We worship with the Shepherds;  
I / We adore the Christ child;  
I / We give our love with Mary and Joseph;  
I / We wonder at the "Word made flesh".  
I / We are aware of the love of God;  
I / We sing glory with the angels;  
I / We offer our gifts with the wise men.  
I / We receive the living Lord;  
I / We hold him in our hands;  
/ We go on our way rejoicing, glorifying and praising God.

David Adam

When we hear the phrase "God of love", please respond saying, "Lord hear our prayer".

As we celebrate Christmas, let us give glory to God with the Shepherds, let us dance in the choir with angels, for this day a Saviour has been born to us, the Messiah and Lord. Thanks be to God.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

May your church throughout the world rejoice and exalt in gladness for the Word has been made flesh and has come among us.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

We hold before you all persons in authority, asking that they may serve the people according to your will.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for the world, asking for peace for all people. Teach us to love each other as You love us. Make us one human family, working together for the benefit of all.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

God, we ask your blessing on Gabriola this night. May all of our citizens feel a sense of wonder, gratitude, and unity – all for one and one for all. Let none be forgotten or forsaken.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, refugees, prisoners, and all in danger. Let your healing touch be upon them. Comfort and sustain them.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

This night we pray for all the children in this world. May their parents, families, and friends cherish and love them and hold them tight. God enfold them all in Your arms. May we here touch our children, the true reason for Christmas.  
God of love, hear our prayer.

We hold before You all who have died in the peace of Christ and for those whose families are known to you alone. We name them aloud or in the silence of our hearts. We pray for those who mourn and find this a difficult time of year.

God of love, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, You have heard the prayers of your faithful people, You know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking. Grant our request as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.