

# A Prayer to Embrace the Meaning of Advent

## Praying for Peace and Justice on December 8, 2024

Creator God,

It may just be me, as I'm not good at focusing on Advent, but as the days get shorter and shorter, and the weather gets colder and ever more blustery, please help us remember the reason for Christmas.

Please help us ignore the distraction of holiday jingles, and reject the messages around us that consumption is the point of Christmas.

And in this time of uncertainty, fear and distress about what may or may not happen in coming months and year, help us find peace by putting our trust in you.

Help us slow down during this fraught time to find deep connections with each other and show how we care for all those around us, as we truly embrace Christmas. In the name of the one who is the focus of our being, AMEN.