

## An Advent Prayer: Expectation



*Leader: Will you come to our world, God?*

*Will you come with hope? For we have too many good intentions, not enough hopes realized; too many questions, too little assurance; too many longings, too few prayers.*

**PEOPLE: O come, O come, Emmanuel. When you come, bring hope.**

*Leader: Will you come to our world, God? Will you come with peace. For we have too much brokenness, not enough wholeness; too much frantic activity, not enough calm; too many worries, not enough dreams.*

**PEOPLE: O come, O come, Emmanuel. When you come, bring peace.**

*Leader: Will you come to our world, God? Will you come with joy? For we have too much seriousness, not enough laughter; too many expectations, not enough celebration; too many words, too little singing.*

**PEOPLE: O come, O come, Emmanuel. When you come, bring joy.**

*Leader: Will you come to our world, God? Will you come with love? For we have too much loneliness, not enough friendship; too many rules, not enough gospel; too much getting, not enough caring.*

**PEOPLE: O come, O come, Emmanuel. When you come, bring love.**

*Leader: Come, Bringer of Hope. Come, Prince of Peace.*

**PEOPLE: Come, Giver of Joy. Come, O come, Emmanuel.**