God of our Advent journey
We pray for a spirit of wisdom and understanding for world leaders and their advisors, For those whose nations are disfigured by violence and war... for those in Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Israel and Palestine. We pray for those negotiating peace initiatives and those who seek power at any cost. We pray for the leaders trying to rebuild trust and infrastructures after years of civil war and brutality. We pray especially for those conflicts where peace seems so far off and hatreds so raw. We pray for those leaders who are subject to unfair pressure from those who are more powerful. For those seeking to balance support for incoming refugees with the needs of their own vulnerable citizens. For those tackling corruption, poverty and civil unrest, and for those who are the cause of all those things.
Come Lord Jesus show us all the way of truth, justice and peace.

We pray for nations overwhelmed by flooding and deadly weather conditions. Especially we pray for the people of Indonesia and Sri Lanka. And for all who are struggling to deal with the devastation left in the wake of cyclones and storms. We continue to pray too for the victims of the terrible fire in Hong Kong, for those still missing and for their families and friends. We pray for all places of tragedy especially those which disappear quickly from the news but where suffering is ongoing and terrible.
Come Lord Jesus and show us all the way of restoration, healing and peace.

We pray for the natural world, so polluted, so exploited, so fragile and yet so beautiful. For the oceans and forests, for the rivers and fields. For all animals exposed to cruelty and abuse. For those whose living is being eroded by climate change and the greed of others. We pray for harmony between ourselves and nature, that there would be no hurt or harm, but care and conservation.
Come Lord Jesus and show us all the way of compassion, respect and peace.

We pray for the leaders of our churches and our local communities, For a spirit of knowledge and a heart to serve those entrusted to their care. Especially those who live alone, those whose circumstances are desperate and those searching for meaning and hope.
Come Lord Jesus and show us all the way of hospitality, friendship and peace.

We pray for those we know whose Advent journey is slow and painful. For those weighed down by anxiety, by grief, by ill health.
Come Lord Jesus and show us all the way of courage, hope and peace.

And we pray for one another, that we would use our voices positively, our time creatively, and our resources generously, this Advent and always,
In Jesus' name,
Amen

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