

## EXPECTANT WAITING: ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



Lord, we know we are in darkness unless the light of Your son, Jesus, shines in our hearts. It is often easier to remain in our darkness, sin, and shame, but we desire to be filled with Your love, the love that sets us free. We ask that, by Your Spirit, Your light would soften our hearts this Advent season and make us attuned to the way of hope, joy, and love. We know our darkness is great, but Your love is greater. Give us courage to confess our great need for the love You so freely give. We know walking in the light of the God of love is the only way we will find grace and healing.

### REFLECT

The season of Advent reminds us that, because of his great love for us, God has shined His light in our darkness and that, though the world's darkness may seem strong and pervasive, God's love is greater.

### QUESTION

How might God be shining the light of His love in your heart this Advent season? How might you respond?

### POSSIBLE ANSWER(S)

Perhaps God is calling you to trust His love more, to step out in faith, to know that He can redeem your past, to know that you are worth loving, to forgive someone or to believe His forgiveness is enough for you.