

## **Come Lord Jesus**

### **Introduction:**

“Come Lord Jesus be our Guest and let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.”

A simple table prayer, but incredibly profound in meaning and sentiment. As we celebrate Thanksgiving this week and look towards Advent, in this prayer we ask Jesus to come, be among us. And while we offer the gift of hospitality at our table for Jesus in prayer, it is His holy presence that we are truly seeking and needing. The holidays can be hard for some, especially if there is someone missing from the table this year, and Jesus promises to be with us, among us, whether we're alone (Matthew 28:20) or whether we gather with others in his name (Matthew 18:20). When we welcome Jesus' presence, we welcome the light and love of God our souls long for. Jesus then opens our hearts to see that ALL we have, the extraordinary and the ordinary things of life, are all gifts from God and we are blessed. He is present, we are aware and our hearts open in gratitude and love. What a blessing indeed!

### **Read Your Bible**

- Isaiah 60:1-3
- John 1:1-14

### **Apply God's Word to Your Life:**

1. According to John 1:1-14, where do all things come from?
2. When was there a time without Jesus?
3. What word or image stands out for you as you read these first verses in John chapter 1?

4. What do you think it means that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”?
5. Where have you seen darkness in the world or your life?
6. Where have you seen light shining through the darkness?
7. Why do think it might be hard for the world to recognize Jesus and his breaking into the world? (v.10-11)
8. What does it mean that Jesus was full of grace and truth? (v.14)

**Reflecting on the text:**

1. What have you learned about God?
2. What have you learned about the world?
3. What have you learned about yourself?

**Pray**

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