

# A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2007 – WITH THANKS TO ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

Lord our God

With the birth of your son, your glory, the glory of God, breaks on the world.

Through the night hours of the darkened earth

We, your people, watch for the coming of your promised son.

As we wait, give us a foretaste of the joy that you will give us

When the fullness of His glory fills the whole earth,

And prepare us, this night, and every night,

To play our part in the bringing of your Kingdom on earth.

Help us to love, as you love us, and as Jesus loves, divinely, completely, profoundly.

Help us to live abundant fully human lives, as Jesus lived on earth.

Help us to give ourselves away to the world you love, to bear witness to the Kingdom your son brought into being, to be fully part of Christmas – tonight, tomorrow.

May we experience the coming of Jesus, not just tomorrow, but every day.

A-men.