

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

God our Father,
in love You created us, and came to us as a Babe born in a barn.
in Your love You welcome us as Your children,
in love You lead us faithfully,
and with Your mercy, You hear our prayers. We praise and thank You, Lord!
Hear us, Your beloved children, as we come before You in worship.

Jesus, our Redeemer,
You have come to save the world, and to save us;
You call us to follow You,
You teach us truth,
in our troubles, You offer us peace.
Meet us, Your beloved friends, as we come to hear Your word.

Holy Spirit, Living One,
in the beginning, You breathed life,
in chaos and darkness, You brought hope,
and on one starry night, You brought good news that a Saviour was born;
on one early morning, You defeated death forever!
Speak to us, Your people, wherever we are, whoever we are.

God,
Loving Father, Son and Spirit, we come.
Yet we know we come with doubts and fears.
We know we come in ignorance.
We know we have failed You, Your creation and Your people, in many ways.
Trusting in Your love, we turn again to You.
As we open our hearts to Your mercy and forgiveness,
grant us Your peace.

Lord Jesus, please forgive us; heal us deep within, so that we love and trust You more deeply, day by day.

Accept these prayers, accept our worship, accept us,
through Your love shown to us, given to us, in Jesus Christ,
who came, who is with us, and who will come again,
and who taught us to pray: OUR FATHER....