Advent Prayer

God of hope, at this time we look forward in anticipation and look back in thankfulness. Bless all who pave the way for others, remembering John the Baptist. As Mary and Joseph waited patiently so may we be faithful and watchful in our prayers and actions. As we await the coming of the Light of the World, may we bring light to others. Renew and restore, us and our world, in Faith, Hope and Love so that all can celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen