

Heavenly Father, thank you for this time of praise and worship. We pray that you would be with us and guide us as we reflect upon our second week of advent theme of love.

1 John 4:10: “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

Thank you, God, that in your love you have planned from eternity past to not only forgive our sins but that our sins would be fully paid for by Christ’s atoning death on the cross.

Romans 5:8: “but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

God in your love, when we weren’t even looking for your righteousness, you provided for us in our sin by the great redemptive work of Jesus Christ. He died in our place so that your love would be made complete in His death, resurrection and victory over sin, death, hell, and the grave.

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

Thank you, Lord God, that you loved us so much that you gave your Son to atone for our sin so that in Christ we can place our faith and belief and escape your wrath which we rightfully deserve. Thank you, Lord, that in your love you have promised to those who believe in Christ the great blessing of eternal life free from sin in your presence.

Thank you for this season of blessing when we honor you by celebrating the advent of your love in the birth of baby Jesus. Please be with us as we continue to be blessed by your love and your wisdom as we turn to you in praise and worship.

In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



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