



# Prayer Poems

Poetic Reflections for Sundays and Feastsdays  
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## A Prayer of Hope

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*“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down...”*  
(Isaiah 63:19b)

#### A Prayer of Hope

Like an explosion of a volcano, our spirit explodes with desires and longings  
for your promised return.

To satisfy these longings, we pray, “Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come  
down.”

We await your return. We invite, we watch, we wait with great expectation.

We have gathered the graces you have so generously poured upon us. We have  
placed them in our hearts to welcome you. Come.

“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down.”

Meet us doing the good your Holy Spirit has inspired within us.

Do not remain hidden from us. Show us your face. Come.

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**“O, Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are the work of your hands.” (Isaiah 64:7)**

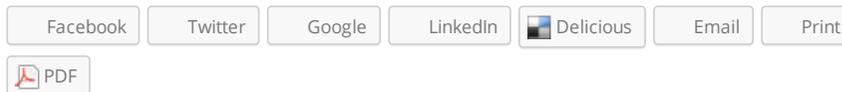
We are your vessels of election.  
We are the clay in your hands, O Creative Potter.  
Clay on Your Potter’s wheel  
Pounded, kneaded  
Set awirl – Spinning  
Formed by Your Artist hands.  
Molded, shaped, re-shaped (in the spin)  
Watered into workableness (by saltwater tears)  
Fired, baked to desert dryness,  
Your vessel of election.

We await your return. We invite, we watch, we wait with great expectation. Amen.

### For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Why doesn’t Advent get as much attention as Halloween and Christmas?
2. What are we waiting and watching for as adults?
3. Why are children waiting during Advent?
4. What might you expect when you sit at a potter’s wheel?
5. Why is there much hope during the holy seasons of Advent and Christmas?
6. Who might be most in need during these seasons?
7. Is your parish doing anything special during the season of Advent?
8. What do you plan to do? (besides go Christmas shopping!)

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