

## DAILY PRAYER

(for the week of Dec. 13 - Dec. 19 )

Dear God,

This is a special time set aside for waiting. Sometimes waiting is a joyful thing, like waiting for a surprise, or waiting for a loved one to come. Sometimes waiting is the hardest thing we have to do, like waiting for a medical report, or waiting for a phone call from someone in danger. Most of us are waiting for something deep within us, a wound to heal, a longing to be satisfied, a profound music to resolve. We do not know the day or the hour when our waiting will end. Help us, O God, help us remember that—especially in the midst of prolonged waiting—you are with us to love us. Let our waiting remind us anew that you have loved us from before our beginning, from before our longing, from before our struggle. Finally, you are the one for whom we wait. Only you can finish and satisfy us; so let our waiting bring you praise; let our need for love bear witness to your gift of love. Amen.