

The Greater Antiphons

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

O Wisdom, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: **Come**, and teach us the way of prudence.

Ask for wisdom and direction from the Lord

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily,
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in Thy ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

Micah 5:3

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.

O Lord and Ruler of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: **Come**, and redeem us with outstretched arms.

Listen.

Let the redeemer speak to you of areas in your life that need to be brought under his rule.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty, and awe.

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Isaiah 11:10

... the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious

O Root of Jesse, that stands as a banner for the peoples, before whom the kings keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: **Come**, to deliver us, and tarry not.

Pray the nations would rally to the Root of Jesse as its King.

O come, O Rod of Jesse free,
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave

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Isaiah 22:22

I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David; what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

O Key of David, and Scepter of the House of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens:

Come, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

*Cry out for freedom from darkness,
for death to be bound*

O come, thou Key of David, come,
And open wide our heavenly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

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Luke 1:78-79

... the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

O Dawn of the East, brightness of light eternal, and Sun of Justice:
Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Intercede for those in need of hope

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer,
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

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Haggai 2:7,9

... the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory ... The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house ... and in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty.”

O King of the Gentiles and their Desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one:
Come, and deliver those whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.

Petition the Prince of Peace to reign in families, in nations, and in the world

O come, Desire of nations, bind,
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of peace.

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Matt. 1:23

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel—which means, 'God with us.'

O Emmanuel, God with us, Our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Savior:

Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Thank God for his promise to be with us

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

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