

Ancestry of Jesus

Prayers of the Jesse Tree



Advent is a time of waiting. Knowing that Jesus is always with us, we remind ourselves to wait for the many ways of his coming.

Advent is a time of hope. We hope and work for the fulfillment of God's promises.

Advent is a time of prayer. We pray that the coming of Christ will make a difference in our lives so that by our words and actions, all will know that Christ is always near.

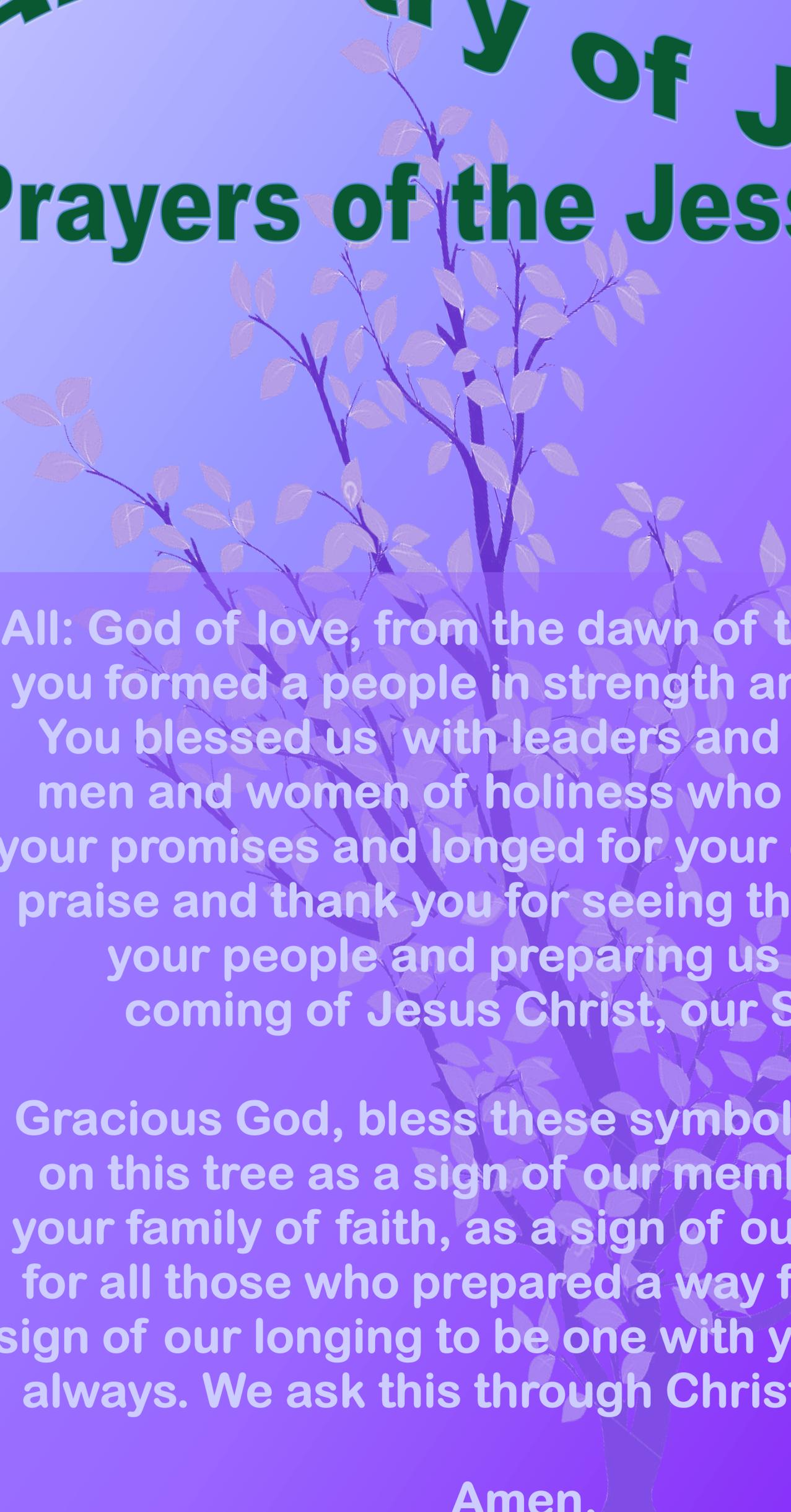
We have gathered here to celebrate the ancestors of Jesus, those who waited for the coming of the Messiah; the one who was promised.

All: Jesse and David are among the ancestors of Jesus who waited for the coming of the Messiah.

As we decorate our Jesse Tree with symbols of these people we remember that we too, wait, pray and live as part of Jesus' family.

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All: God of love, from the dawn of the creation you formed a people in strength and wisdom.

You blessed us with leaders and prophets, men and women of holiness who trusted in your promises and longed for your coming. We praise and thank you for seeing the needs of your people and preparing us for the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Gracious God, bless these symbols we place on this tree as a sign of our membership in your family of faith, as a sign of our gratitude for all those who prepared a way for us, as a sign of our longing to be one with you now and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.