Week One

Hope

God of abounding hope,

We watch and wait for you.

Come to us to light our way.

We pray for all those who hold on to hope

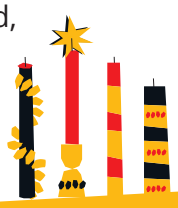
in the most difficult of circumstances.

We pray especially for our neighbours in Ethiopia,

who have lost homes, farms and food to flooding.

Kindle in us hope for a just world, your Kingdom come.

Amen.



This week...

Sit somewhere quiet and listen for God's word. Light a candle or turn on a lamp at the end of your time of quiet.

Plan what you will do this December to put your hope into action and support communities pushing back against poverty.

Week Two

Peace

God of peace,
make us healers of wounds,

menders of division, crafters of connection.

We pray for an end to conflict and for all who suffer because of war and violence.

We hold in prayer the bereaved, the injured, the displaced, the distressed.

May the light of your wisdom shine into the minds and hearts of those who make war, that they may seek peace and pursue it.

Amen.

This week...

Mend something small that is broken or damaged.

Learn more about a "forgotten conflict" that receives limited attention from news media. Talk to someone about what you have learnt.

Week Three

Joy

Joyful God,

we look forward to rejoicing at the coming of Jesus.

We pray for families around the world who must focus on survival,

leaving little room for joy.

As you fill our hearts with gladness,

energise us to take action to end poverty,

so that all our neighbours can live a full and joyous life.

Amen.

This week...

Write down the everyday moments of joy you experience.

Find out more about the impact of devastating floods in Ethiopia on women like Donnay and their families. You can read more in this pack or at **caid.ie/Christmas**

Week Four

Love

God of compassion,

you are love in action.

Incarnate love,

living with us.

We pray for parents who love their children

but see them go hungry because of the injustice of poverty.

Transform us with your love,

into doers of your word,

acting in service and standing in solidarity with our global neighbours.

Amen.

This week...

Look at a picture of your family, friends or yourself and reflect on God's love for each of us.

Put your love for your global neighbours into action by telling others about Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal.