Lord in this Holy Season of Advent, help us to prepare well for our Messiah. Help us to open our hearts to Christ's message of Peace on earth, and to celebrate with Joy His presence in His Church. Above all, make us grow in the Love of Jesus the Light of the world.

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St Andrew – Patron Saint of Scotland, born in Bethsaida by the Sea of Galilee. He was a fisherman and brother of St Peter. He was a follower of John the Baptist and considered as the first disciple called by Jesus. He preached around the Black Sea and Greece before being crucified on an x-shaped cross (a Saltire) in Patras, Greece. According to tradition a Monk named St Regulus brought Andrew's relics to what is now St Andrew's, Fife, which became a major pilgrimage site.
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The Peace of Advent

Advent is a season of waiting, praying, and preparing for the Birth of Jesus our Saviour. As Christians we are invited to slow down, in the midst of the frenzy of excessive spending and consumption, led by advertising and media. This is so far away, from the message we received from Jesus Himself about His Kingdom.
During the four weeks of Advent we focus on what He promised would come to those who believed in His Word. The Church teaches us to hope at this time. It reminds us that we are pilgrims, bearing the Light of Christ, and trusting in God's will for us.
The Peace that we are promised by Jesus is beyond human understanding. When we hear the constant news of wars and violence inflicted on our fellow men and women, we need to create peace in our hearts, our homes and our neighbourhoods; and pray constantly that some relief for the suffering in our world can be found. The Joy of Advent comes not because everything is perfect, but because we believe that God is with us. We embrace Mary our mother, chosen to conceive and bring into the world, our Redeemer. The example of her obedience and trust in God, can help each of us become better disciples, and bearers of God's love to all.
The way in which Jesus taught us to Love, is never self-seeking, always self-giving. Loving our neighbour means choosing to see everyone, as living miracles of God, made in His image, and loved by Him.

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