

What gifts does the world need?



Give the gift of love

Love has bridged the high-rises of despair we were about to fall between.

Love has been a penlight in the blackest, bleakest nights.

Love has been ... a poultice, a dinghy, a coat.

Love is why we have hope.

God is love, we Christians like to remind ourselves, and every act of love highlights God in the world, because love is not just an idea. Love is something alive, living, personal, and true, the creating and nourishing power within life (Anne Lamott: Almost Everything. 2018. In Joyce Rupp: Return to the Root. 2021. 30).

Where
can you give
the gift of love to the
world in this Advent
season?
How can love make it
onto your Christmas
giving list?

Prayer to guide us through Advent

**Holy One, Essence of Kindness,
each day of this Advent Season
guide us to your love through
messages of hope,
easy smiles, opened doors,
unexpected generosity,
words of understanding,
forgiving hearts and other
signs of human kindness.
Help us to recognise
your dwelling amongst us**

(Joyce Rupp: Return to the Root.
2021. 225: adapted).

Love shatters the chains that keep us isolated and separate; in their place, it builds bridges. Love enables us to create one great family, where all of us can feel at home ... love exudes compassion and dignity (Fratelli Tutti, #62).