Travelling Crib Prayers

God of Hope

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this Advent time.

God ... be with us

God of hope be with us in our Advent journey
to the stable and beyond,
be with us in our meeting and in our travelling together,
be with us in our worship and our praying together,
be with us in our Advent journey to the stable and beyond,
our God of hope.

The example of Mary and Joseph

This Advent-time we remember Mary and Joseph,
giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience, stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit, playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan to bring your prodigal people home again.
We pray that their example might be the pattern of our lives, that when your gentle whisper
breaks through the clamour of this world
and into our small corner, we might be ready to listen,
and having listened, to act.

Advent God

Advent God,
we journey with you, to Bethlehem's stable and a new-born King, ears attuned to the song of angels, eyes alert for Bethlehem's star.
Forgive us if on our journey we are distracted by the tempting offers of this world.
Keep our hearts aflame with the hope of Christmas and the promise of a Saviour.
Amen