

## **Prayer for Waiting and Healing**

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**One:** The Christmas spirit is that hope which tenaciously clings to the hearts of the faithful and announces in the face of any Herod the world can produce and all the inn doors slammed in our faces and all the dark nights of our souls that with God all things still are possible, and that even now unto us a Child is born!

**All:** God of heaven and earth, in this Christmas season of pandemic and isolation, when we are more distant from friends and neighbors and family than we care to be, we thank you that with you, all things still are possible, and there still is nothing in all of creation, not even coronavirus, that is able to separate us from your love.

**One:** As we welcome the gift of the Child, may we share your love that never fails: may we look out for each other, and care for neighbors near and far, recognizing our shared vulnerability and strength.

**All:** May we be grateful for every breath, receiving and giving your love and building your kingdom, in constant prayer that everyone on earth will know the gift of full and healthy and abundant life. In the name of the Christmas Christ we pray, Amen

