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Prayer of Confession:

Father, we confess that we often underestimate the vast love that you have for your children. Our desire to be known and valued by others blind us to your unconditional grace displayed on the cross. Forgive us when we take that gift for granted and doubt your eternal love.

Extravagant (Bethel):

You were a lover before time's beginning
 You gave your love freely withholding nothing
 Jesus, my Jesus

You carried the weight of the world on your shoulders
 You stopped at nothing, to prove you were for us
 Jesus, my Jesus

*It's extravagant, it doesn't make sense
 We'll never comprehend, the way you love us
 It's unthinkable, only heaven knows
 Just how far you'd go, to say you love us
 To say you love us
 To say you love us*

You don't belittle our pain and our suffering
 And you comfort us in our greatest unraveling
 Jesus, my Jesus
 You are the dawn that is breaking within me
 And you are the sun that is rising around me
 Jesus, my Jesus!
 Here is all my love
 It's yours, no conditions
 When you pull me close
 No, I won't resist it
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Words of Assurance (Original Content):

What an amazing gift the unconditional love of God is. We don't deserve a fraction of it but regardless he loves us so much that he sent his son to die on the cross for our sins. Let us rest in the fact that we are made new by this love shown on the cross, and that nothing in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.

Responsive Reading (Psalm 103:8-12 NIV):

8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (J. Neale):

O come, O come Emmanuel
 And ransom captive Israel
 That mourns in lonely exile here
 Until the Son of God appear

*Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel
 Shall come to thee O Israel*

O come thou dayspring come and cheer
 Our spirits by thine advent here
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
 And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come thou wisdom from on high
 And order all things far and nigh
 To us the path of knowledge show
 And cause us in her ways to go

O come desire of nations bind
 All peoples in one heart and mind
 Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease
 Fill the whole world with heaven's peace

Benediction:

Be with us Lord Jesus, let us bask in your greatness,
 Shower us with your love and overwhelm us with your presence,
 Let our lives be a reflection of your unconditional love,
 and let us rest in the truth that you are with us. Amen.

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WEEK 4

Candle Light Reading #1 (Isaiah 61:1-3 ESV):

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion - to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.

Candle Light Reading #2 (A series of weekly readings from Isaiah) - from The Worship Sourcebook, p. 439-440, #27:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined.
(Isaiah 9:2, NRSV)

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know,
by the paths they have not known I will guide them.
I will turn the darkness before them into light,
the rough places into level ground.

These are the things I will do and I will not forsake them. (Isaiah 42:16, NRSV)

The Lord says to his servant,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel;
I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isaiah 49:6, NRSV)

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. (Isaiah 58:8, NRSV)

Come, Lord Jesus, our Promise and Salvation. Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

God With Us (All Sons & Daughters):

Oh you've come to bring peace to be love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel
God with us
Our deliverer you are Savior

*In your presence we find our strength
Over everything our redemption
God with us
You are God with us*

Oh you've come to be hope to this world
For your honor and name
And you've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel
God with us

You are here
You are holy
We are standing in your glory

Love Came Down (Bethel):

If my heart is overwhelmed
And I cannot hear your voice
I hold on to what is true though I cannot see
Though the storms of life they come
And the road ahead gets steep
I will lift these hands in faith I will believe

I remind myself of all that you've done
And the life I have because of your son

Love came down and rescued me
Love came down and set me free
I am yours I am forever yours
Mountain high or valley low
I sing out remind my soul
That I am yours I am forever yours

When my heart is filled with hope
When every promise comes my way
When I feel your hands of grace rest upon me
Staying desperate for you God
Staying humbled at your feet
I will lift these hands in praise I will believe

I am yours
I am yours all my days Jesus I am yours

Reckless Love (Cory Asbury):

Before I spoke a word you were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath you breathed your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me
Oh the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God

*Oh it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still you give yourself away
Oh the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God*

When I was your foe still your love fought for me
You have been so so kind to me
When I felt no worth you paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow you won't light up
Mountain you won't climb up coming after me
There's no wall you won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down coming after me

How Great Is Your Love (Passion):

From the darkness I called your name
Into darkness your mercy came
You called me out lifted me up
How great is your love

You bore my weakness you took my shame
Buried my burdens in fields of grace
You called me out lifted me up
How great is your love

From the heights of Heaven
You stepped down to earth
Innocent perfection gave your life for us
We are amazed, we stand in awe
For we have been changed by the power of the cross

*How great, how great
How great is your love
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How great, how great
How great is your love for us*

In your kindness you lead me home
In your presence where I belong
You called me out, lifted me up
How great is your love

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