

Tuesday December 2, 2025:

The meditative hymn, "Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness," P. 314 Glory to God, considers the images of light and of a peaceful world indwelling in the hearts of those who gather as "church."

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

***Chorus: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.***

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. ***Chorus***

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. ***Chorus***

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. ***Chorus***

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. ***Chorus***

Both the text and the music for this contemporary hymn were composed by Bernadette Farrel in 1993. The longings of the world for light/truth and peace/hope expose the tensions experienced as we seek to live Christ-like lives in a conflicted world. The response to our longings flips the world's darkness and troubles by simple, yet powerful, acts of feeding, sheltering, serving one another. These many gifts contribute to Christ's kingdom on earth.

Listen to this joyful Folk Choir of Notre Dame singing: Longing for Light, we wait in Darkness:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g0c4YeABTs>

Meditate on the light of Christ that you share with others. Celebrate every bright moment you give to another and bask in the goodness of God's light enfolding the world.

Prayer: Dear God, we know your love through the light that guides us. Help us, as we live in a world bereft of light and truth, to shine your light of justice and compassion on every individual we meet this day. Shine in our hearts, be our light. Shine through our church, be our truth. Amen.