#  Second Sunday of Advent: Comforted to comfort

## Creative Prayer Ideas

* **Comfort and Joy (Tasha Layton)**

Play the song ['Comfort and Joy' by Tasha Layton](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JbA7i1CEQNo) during a time of reflection.
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Particularly focus on the line that says ‘He knew we needed comfort and joy’.

Think about the areas in your life where you want God to give his comfort and joy. Make a list of all the ways that God has provided you with comfort over the years. Perhaps make a separate list allowing God to give you more comfort and joy in the areas of your life today.

* **Christmas Comfort**

Pre-cut paper shapes related to different aspects of Christmas (stars, Christmas trees, baubles etc). Make sure everybody has a shape. Give some time for people to find another person with the same shape as them. Motivate people to begin a conversation or pray for comfort for each other.

* **Comforted to Comfort**

This clip from the BBC programme *Songs of Praise* tells the story of a man who tragically lost his daughter to suicide. Dad Mike, alongside two other bereaved fathers, have used the comfort they have received from God and others to create a platform for suicide awareness. The video of [Mike on Songs of Praise - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-rwIYB2FK8) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-rwIYB2FK8>) lasts for around five minutes and concludes with the song ‘Make me a channel of your peace’. If you would like to include the song, then the video is eight minutes long.

This video clip might not be suitable for everyone, so you may prefer to ask a member of your corps to give their own story, sharing how they have received comfort from God and other people and now give comfort to people who need it.

* **Modern Slavery**

Take this opportunity to learn more about modern slavery and [what The Salvation Army does](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery) to help the victims. (<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/modern-slavery>). Together, spend time in prayer asking God to make his presence and comfort known in those situations.

## Creative Worship Ideas

* **30-Second Challenge**

Use an online stopwatch or on a phone. Choose a couple of volunteers to stand up and close their eyes. Begin the stopwatch, and when they think 30 seconds has passed they must sit down. The closest to

30 seconds wins. God’s timing was not too early and not too late; it was perfect.

* **Giving Comfort and Joy**

Ask the congregation what brings them comfort. You might like to

give examples to start them off, such as a blanket or when you’re at home.

Then ask what brings them joy. Examples may include receiving a present, or when your favourite team win. Now ask them to think about ways they can help others to feel more comfort and joy this Christmas. Challenge them to live out the ideas as part of everyday life.