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(adapted from the GBOM Advent Liturgy, 2011)

Leader: Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing!

All: We give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ.

Leader: The will of God is a life-long contract that we have accepted. We may call on God at any time, 24/7/365, to guide us in all our times of frustration, our points of discernment, and our failures. We, as God's people, have asked for the humility to learn, to help us to find peace within ourselves and the world. We must remember that it is not our will we seek; rather, it is God's will. Our God has equipped us with everything we need to learn to accept the realities of life in this world and to mobilize with unconditional love, so that we may live in a neighborhood and world that provides the best possible life for all. Through the example of Jesus Christ and the love of God, we shall walk in faith, so that God's will shall be done.

Leader: We know that you are here, O Lord.

All: Because we're still here, despite the troubles of our world.

Leader: We want to walk, like you Lord.
We want to hear, like you Lord.
We want to love fearlessly, like you do Lord.

All: We want to do these things so that our neighbors, peers, and colleagues will see and feel your Word through us.

Leader: Help us hear and feel and act as you do, O Lord.

All: Order our steps to walk along the paths of your Son, Jesus the Christ!

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