



## EPIPHANY

### Searching

Turn your thoughts towards those wise men or astrologers. What kind of star could have lured them away from family, friends and home? What kept them going on that long hazardous journey?

God broke into their lives in a very dramatic way. They were drawn, as though by a magnet, to find the new-born King. Marvel at the courage, the determination and the persistence of those men. Perhaps from time to time the star disappeared from view, but they had such inner drive that they pushed on.

### Finding

What must have been going through their minds when the star stopped, not over a palace but over a humble dwelling.

Could the king they had been searching for possibly live in such a place?

Perhaps these words echo their feelings...

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible

Love indestructible in frailty appears

Lord of Infinity, stooping so tenderly

Lifts our humanity up to his throne

Oh what a mystery, meekness and majesty

Bow down and worship, for this Is your God

### Reflecting

What can you learn from those wise men?

Is God calling you to do something new or something more?

Do you have the courage to leave the familiar and venture out into the desert, to open your heart to God and trust him to lead you?

He doesn't promise that it will be easy, but that he will be there travelling with you.

### Lead me God

so that like the wise men

I too may find that new place

where you need me

Amen

**Using this Candle Prayer Card**

In a quiet place, where you feel comfortable, place your night-light on a heat resistant surface. Fold this paper, lengthwise and then fold into three, placing it around the candle shown in the diagram to the left.

Light the candle. In the stillness and the silence, let the flame focus your thoughts and attention. Let your heart and mind become still. Rest in God's presence.

Use each of the sections in turn to give focus to your prayer.



**Jesus Said: 'I am the light of the world'**

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