

# Prayer – Restore Us

## *Advent 3*

Light of Life,  
we light candles this season,  
not simply out of tradition or coziness,  
though there's that,  
but because we believe in the light that shines in the darkness,  
restoring all that is lost and broken,  
relegated to shadow,  
forgotten or desecrated.

Restore us to wholeness –  
to our state of original blessing  
to be bearers of your light and goodness.

Restore earth to wholeness -  
to her state of blessedness and sacredness,  
vital, fruitful, balanced.

Restore the threads of the web of life –  
once strong but now frayed  
from lack of attention and care,  
consumerism and poor theology.

Restore our joy in life –  
bring laughter to our lips,  
beauty to our eyes,  
and deeper bonds to our relationships.

We pray as those who sense your presence among us  
in light and dark,  
now and always. Amen.

Wendy Janzen, 2022. Burning Bush Forest Church  
[Creative Commons: Attribution Non-Commercial 4.0 International \(CC BY-4.0\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)