

Love us into fullness, touch us with your grace.
Jesus in your mercy, draw us to your face.

Love us into fullness, hold us in your care,
Cheer us with your presence, here and everywhere.

Love us into fullness, and we will be strong;
Jesus, walk beside us, fill our hearts with song!
Lutheran Book of Worship, Hymn #81

PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

- ✓ Penetrates the hearts we cannot open
- ✓ Shields those whom we cannot guard
- ✓ Teaches where we cannot speak
- ✓ Comforts where our hearts have no power to soothe
- ✓ Follows our best beloved through the trials and perplexities of the day lifting off their blindness with an unseen hand.

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FOR LIGHT:

Almighty God, you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

COLLECT for the First Sunday of Christmas Book of Common Prayer (ECUSA)

There is a light that shines
Beyond all things on earth,
Beyond us all,
Beyond the heavens,
Beyond the highest,
The very highest heavens.
This is the Light that shines in our heart.
Chandogya Upanishad

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**Everything I need to know about Life, I learned
from ... A SNOWMAN 😊**

- ✓ It's okay to be flaky once in a while.
- ✓ It's okay if you are a little bottom heavy.
- ✓ Wearing white year-round is acceptable.
- ✓ There's no stopping once you are on a roll.
- ✓ When life dumps snow on you, make snowballs!
- ✓ Just like snowflakes, each person is unique.
- ✓ You've made it when they write a song about you.
- ✓ It's okay to have an occasional meltdown.
- ✓ You always lose weight in the summer.
- ✓ Don't get too much sun.
- ✓ The key to life is to be a jolly, happy soul!

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You contain a tableau of possibilities,
Countless opportunities to encounter
Your indwelling gift of radiance.
A glimmer of hope in depression.
A ray of courage amid life's trials.
A sparkle of joy at the end of illness.
A flash of valuable intuition.
A beam of illuminating perception.
A glow of pleasure and contentment.
A radiance only the stilled soul perceives.

*Joyce Rupp (American Nun of the Servite
Community)*

** as found in Fragments of your Ancient Name
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“Learn to be alone and like it. There's nothing more
freeing and empowering than learning to like your
own company.”

Mandy Hale (American Author and blogger)

“**Love is a bond**, the bond of perfectness,” and he
who loves most is most closely bound to God. And
by this I do not mean the habitual, permanent union
which exists whether we sleep or wake, but that of
active union which is the result and utterance of love.
Francis de Sales (Catholic Saint, 1567-1622)