Prayers for Advent

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait the coming of your Son, our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping, but active in his service and joyful in his praise;

through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

Why not try reading this one aloud (even to yourself) the traditional language Is meant to be heard

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen