

## **Prayers of the People: (Advent 4-C)**

As we wait with eager expectation for the coming of Jesus, let us offer prayers to God who sends the Messiah in the womb of a virgin, saying: ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the Church: especially Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that our hearts may leap for joy as we recognize God-with-us in the people and events of our lives, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For this Parish Family, that we, like Mary, may believe that God will do great things in and through our ordinariness, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For new parents and expectant parents, that they may see God's presence in their child and nurture the gift of life entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For our nation, and for all those who bear responsibility for its future in politics, industry, commerce and education, that they may be inspired by the Prince of Peace to work together for justice, freedom and peace, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all who travel during this season, that they may arrive safely and share the love and warmth of family and friends, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For those burdened by poverty, war, and terrorism, and for the sick and those in need of our prayers, remembering especially ..... that the birth of Christ may bring bright light and peace to their lives, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For those who have died, remembering especially .....that they may rejoice in the presence of Mary's child, Jesus, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. ***To you, O Lord our God.***

***Celebrant: Gracious God, who by the power of the Spirit sanctified the mother of your Son, hear our prayers and grant that we, like the Virgin***

***Mary, may be obedient to your will. Glory to you for ever and ever.  
AMEN.***

***Advent Blessing: May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.***