

Prayers of the People: (Advent 2-C)

As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will lead us with joy as we wait for the day of Jesus Christ, saying, ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may be a voice crying out in the wilderness to prepare a way for the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For this Parish Family, that Christ may bring to completion the good work begun in us, so that all may see the salvation of our God, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the gift of hope, that we may long for the fulfillment of God's saving work that will defeat evil, end hostilities, and restore unity to the human family, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all who live daily in the shadow of war and violence, that they may find courage in the Gospel message and strength to continue to love, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all refugees and the oppressed, children and orphans, and for the sick and the homebound, remembering especially (pause) that God will smooth the pathways of 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 be found pure and blameless in the day of Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

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

Celebrant: O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, Son of righteousness, hear our prayers and make straight your path in our hearts that we may celebrate with devoted faith the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, for ever and for evermore. 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.