

Prayers of the People: (Advent 3-C)

As we wait for Christ to come among us, let us make our requests known to God who is our stronghold and sure defense, saying, ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the Church, and especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that we may surrender all our worries to God and trust in God's providence for all our needs, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For this Parish Family, that we may rejoice in all the blessings, opportunities, and gifts God has given us, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For the advent of peace and justice, that God will give insight and new vision to all those who work to turn swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all who feel overwhelmed by life, that God's message of "have no fear" may renew their hearts and fill their spirits with hope, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For all who live daily with violence, oppression, injustice and hunger, and for those in need of our prayers, (pause) that they may be touched and strengthened by God's healing love, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For those who have died, remembering especially.....that the One who comes in glory will gather them into the joy of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

Lifting our voices with all creation, with Mary the God-bearer, Thomas the Apostle 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 God, the fountain of life and rejoicing, hear the prayers we offer this day and restore our fortunes that we may live faithful lives sustained by your everlasting strength, in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ the Savior. 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.

NOTE: The Prayers for Advent 4-C, Christmas & Christmas 1 will be posted on December 19th.