

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - ADVENT 1

NOTE: if a litany is used as the entrance liturgy, the prayers may be omitted.

Intercessor As salvation draws near, let us be awake, alert, and watchful for the One who has come and will come into our lives, saying: Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For the Church: especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop and Kevin our bishop, that while surrounded by the darkness of selfishness, jealousy and greed, we may live as children of light and show God's love to those around us. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For this parish family, that in our worship and work we may live together in joyful hope. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For peace in all troubled places, that God will teach the hearts of all the human family to turn swords into plows and resources for war into healing and development. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are burdened by the cares of life, that they may always be ready to welcome Christ wherever he reveals himself. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all who are busy and hurried, for refugees and travelers who are separated from homeland or family, for those who await God's healing and blessing, remembering especially..... that they may find God's care and compassion as others reach out to them. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For ourselves in this Advent time of waiting, that we may be thankful for all the blessings we enjoy and seek ways to share them with others. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

For all those who have died, remembering especially, that they may walk in the light of the Lord. Holy God, in your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

In the communion of blessed Mary the God-bearer, Andrew the Apostle and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, to Christ our God. *To you, O Lord our God.*

Celebrant O God of Jacob for whom we long, hear our prayers and keep us ever watchful, that when Christ our Savior comes we may welcome him with joy and gladness. This we ask in his most holy Name. *Amen.*