**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - ADVENT 2-A**

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

*Intercessor* As we prepare the way of the Lord, let us offer prayers to God who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire saying, Come, O Holy One, and save us.

For the Church: remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Kevin our bishop,
that we may live boldly as disciples and be instruments of transformation for the world. ***Come,
O Holy One, and save us*.**

For this parish family, that we may bear witness to God’s reign by living in harmony with one another and be filled with joy and peace in believing. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us*.**

For the renewal of all creation, that God will heal the divisions amongst people and the wounds within nature, that God’s plan for the earth may flower and all may benefit from the blessings of creation.***Come, O Holy One, and save us*.**

For the prophets in our day, and for those who call us to face the truth, live the truth, and speak the truth to one another, that they may be strengthened by the Spirit of God. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us*.**

For an end to violence in our cities and families, that the Spirit of God will transform hearts, help people recognize the dignity of each person, and disrupt the plans of those who seek to kill or injure others. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us.***

For those everywhere who suffer from the power of nature and the cold of winter, for the hungry and the homeless, and for the sick and the suffering, remembering especially,…………… that they may find hope and courage in the power of God’s spirit. ***Come, O Holy One, and save us*.**

For all those who have died, remembering especially …………………, that they may find God’s holy mountain a haven of peace and glory.  ***Come, O Holy One, and save us*.**

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

*Celebrant* O Root of Jesse, who comes as a sign of God’s justice, hear our prayers and help
us always to hear the prophet’s call to turn our hearts to you, in the name of Jesus Christ the Savior.**Amen.**