

Prayers for the 2nd Sunday in Advent – December 4, 2016

PENITENTIAL ACT

Confiteor with kyrie sung by cantor.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As we prepare for Jesus' coming to us, we pray for our needs and for those of the whole world.

Minister: For the church: that we may be a community committed to hope and repentance ... with waiting hearts, we pray

- For our nation and for the world, that we may be committed to restoring peace and justice for all ... with waiting hearts, we pray
- For the courage to work together to restore national unity...with waiting hearts, we pray
- For hearts that are open to preparing the way for Jesus' coming...with waiting hearts, we pray
- For all whose lives are consumed with providing for the needs of others ... with waiting hearts, we pray
- For families struggling with the demands of this holiday season ... with waiting hearts, we pray,
- For us, that we may accept St. Paul's challenge to think in harmony with one another and with one voice glorify the God and Father of Jesus Christ. with waiting hearts, we pray,
- For the sick, the grieving and the tired among us; and for those who have died ... (names)... with waiting hearts, we pray

Presider: God of promise and encouragement, we turn to you for the energy and commitment we need to make straight the paths for Jesus' coming. Sometimes we are overwhelmed by the demands of life and the world's many needs. We seek wisdom and understanding, knowledge and strength. Give us what you have promised, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus. Amen.