

Prayers of the People
Third Sunday of Advent
Year B
December 11, 2011

Pleading for God's gift of a renewing Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That all of our lives may be songs of praise and thanksgiving rising from joyful hearts and proclaiming in every word we speak and gesture we make that God fills us with God's holy presence, let us pray to the lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That all those in our nation, or any nation, held in captivity or any form of slavery or bondage may find liberation from the chains that bind them and new freedom for their hearts, and that the leaders of the world will be wise and just, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the church and all its leaders may accept with courage God's anointing to share in the divine mission of rescue for the world, bringing the good news of the Gospel to all peoples, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we all here present may reverently offer in service to the world the ministry of light which we hold in fragile human hands, this sharing in the saving work of Christ the Light, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the mercy of God which lasts from age to age may wash over all who are lost, lonely, marginalized, sick and those listed on our Parish Prayer List, and bless them with strength, courage and wellness, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

That God's hand will be on all members of the Armed Forces, here, deployed overseas, on the seas, in the seas, and in the skies, and remembering especially those in harm's way, Justin Pippert, George Dutile, Micah Williams, Christopher Brown, Tom Hernandez, Jonathan Wendt, John MacCormack, Jedidiah Crews, Joshua Tyler Farmer, Virginia Hudgins and Randy Groves. And that God will

protect and defend them day-by-day, strengthen them in their trials,
and comfort them in the night, let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That all who have died in Christ may have your perpetual light shine
upon them and may be eternally in your loving presence, with the
blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Andrew and all your saints, let us pray
to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with a proper collect.