

**Prayer of the Church—Ektene Form**  
**Second Sunday in Advent (B)**  
**6 December 2020**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

*Brief silence*

That the Lord would let His face shine on us, that we may be saved; and that Christ would lead us in straight paths as He once led Joseph like a flock, bringing us out of the bondage of our sins and planting us securely in His eternal promises, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all ministers of the Church, especially Tim, our Synod president; David our regional pastor; and Brad \_\_\_\_\_, our circuit counsellor, that by their preaching sinners would not perish but rather reach repentance and find comfort in Christ's Word, which alone stands forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this and all congregations, that we may await the revealing of the new heavens and new earth in lives of holiness and godliness, diligent to be found without spot or blemish and at peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the Lord's gift of marriage, that He would preserve it against the ravages of sin, the schemes of the devil and the raging of the world; and for the couples and families of our congregation, that God would strengthen them in love for one another and establish them on the foundation of His Word, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For us and our fellow citizens, that God would preserve us from placing our trust in princes and mortal men who come and go like grass before His breath; for our nation, that God would give rulers who will rule after His good pleasure, keeping order and protecting life; and for godly quietness and honesty, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For an end to the pandemic, those infected and those exposed, those grieving and those alone, those on the frontline and those making difficult decisions for others, yes all those in need of our prayers, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**