

Prayer of the Church—Responsive Form
First Sunday in Advent (B)
29 November 2020

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, enrich Your saints in every way as we enter another Church Year. Encourage the preachers of Your Word and all who hear, that the testimony about Christ may be confirmed again among us. Give boldness and faithfulness to Tim, our Synod president; *David, our regional pastor*; *Brad*, our circuit counselor; and all pastors in Christ. As You have called us into the fellowship of Your Son, so sustain us as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, preserve and bless all Christian households, that husbands and wives would live in love and service to each other, that fathers and mothers would diligently bring up their children in Your fear, and that children would honor their parents and be well equipped for service to their neighbors in this life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, be with the governing authorities and enable them to preserve peace and order in our nation. Hear our prayers for Justin, our prime Minister; *__Brian__*, our premier; our military and police; and other civil servants as well as all newly elected officials. Increase a spirit of unity and cooperation among the people of our land and the nations of the world. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, behold in mercy all who are in any danger, trouble, sickness or need. Hear our prayers for the sick and suffering [*especially _____*]. Give health to our world and bring the pandemic to an end. Comfort all who mourn, [*especially _____,*] and sustain them with a confident hope in the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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**

In Our Prayers

We pray for Joan Popp who is dealing with new health concerns

We pray for the family of Laura Grossman, following her passing

We pray for Mervin Kaminsky for strength and healing as he recovers from a stroke

We pray for Edna Swayze for strength and healing as she deals with declining health

We pray for Gianni Vincenzo Mariano (Matthes Family) for his continued healing and recovery.

We pray for Anna-Marie Olsen-Wall as she recovers from surgery.

We pray for healing for Christine E. Lammers battling new health concerns

We pray for our Shut-ins - Elwood Kaminsky, Gerald Ziprick, Edgar Lach, Joan Popp, Henry Dickof, and Edna Swayze

We pray for all those struggling with depression, fear, chronic pain, mental illness, suicidal thoughts, and isolation

We pray for support and strength for those affected by Covid-19.

We pray for all those affected by natural disaster, war and ongoing political conflict.