

Intercessions Advent 2 Dec. 4

Our God is always ready to hear our prayers. Let us be still, and pray to him now.

Today's response, as printed in the bulletin, is
Come to us Lord; **we know our need of you.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all those who remind us to be kind and loving by their words and example. We pray that as a church we may get ready to welcome you and put right whatever blocks us from your love. (pause)
Come to us Lord; **we know our need for you.**

We pray that the lines of communication between people and nations may be kept open, respected and honoured, and that where communication has broken down there may be a new desire for healing. (pause)
Come to us Lord; **we know our need for you.**

Gracious God, we pray for all those making and repairing roads, travelling on them and stuck in traffic jams; we pray for the communities linked by them, for the public transportation system that protects the environment and serves the community. (pause) Come to us Lord; **we know our need for you.**

We pray for those we see and talk to every day or every week; for those we often argue with or misunderstand; for those who brighten our lives and make us smile; for a greater thankfulness and appreciation of those we usually take for granted. (pause) Come to us Lord; **we know our need for you.**

We pray for those we have hurt or upset; for those who feel isolated and alone; for the ill, the frail, the stressed and the bitter. (pause)
Come to us Lord; **we know our need for you.**

We pray for the dying and those who have died to this earthly life. May they know the eternal peace of your heaven, and may those who miss them to be comforted. (pause) Come to us Lord; **we know our need for you.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for helping us to get ourselves ready to receive you. **Amen**