

December 8 Intercessions ADVENT 2

Having received the revelation of God through his holy word entrusted to human hands, we pray, confident in his care for all people.

The congregational response, as printed in today's bulletin:
Come to us Lord: **we know our need of you.**

As the prophets foretold the coming of Christ, and the Baptist declared his presence, empower your Church to make him known at this present time ... Guide us with wisdom and understanding in the reading of your word revealed in holy scripture. (pause)

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Enlighten the people of this world with repentance for past wrong and a new resolve for good ... Fulfill in our time the promise of peace and reconciliation. (pause)

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Open our eyes to find your word for us in Bible reading ... In all our dealings with one another, enable us to speak the truth in love, to be witnesses of faith to all whose lives touch ours. (pause)

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May the present comfort of your holy word and the hope of future glory bring strength to those who suffer ... Give them relief through the power of Christ, healing all their ills and making all things new. (pause)

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Grant that the souls of the departed may share the joy of all who have witnessed to the message of salvation. We give thanks for those who have gone before to prepare for us the way of peace.

We offer our words of prayer, that they may be acceptable in the name of the Word made flesh for us. **Amen**