



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH FOR DECEMBER 22, 2024 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- P** Heavenly Father, graciously hear the prayers of Your people and, according to Your will and our need, answer them for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
- P** We magnify Your name, O Lord, for all the great and wonderful deeds You have performed. Grant that our lives may show forth the praise and thanksgiving that is due Your holy name. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Our Lord Jesus came into this world and established Your kingdom so that all who enter in may know Your peace and grace. Grant that all who hear Your Word may be secured in the faith and counted as citizens living under Your sovereign reign. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** As the Church once again proclaims the nativity and incarnation of our Lord, grant that the hearts and minds of all who hear may be open to this word to the end that all may come to saving faith in Christ. Subdue all doubt and unbelief which may hinder true faith and lead all to live godly lives according to the truth of Your Word. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** O Gracious Lord, in this time of wishes and hopes, help us to recognize how truly blessed we are and that we have all that we need to sustain and support this body and life. For these blessings, we offer You our heartfelt thanks and praise asking that You would instill in us a true sense of contentment. We especially give You thanks for the blessings given to _____. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** Forgive us, Lord, our trespasses of Your holy Word and help us to abide in peace with each other by forgiving each other with the same love You have shown to us. Free us from any anger or malice that burdens our hearts and renew us to be ambassadors of Your grace and mercy. Lord in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.
- P** O merciful Lord and God, we ask that You will look with favor upon those who suffer from bodily illness, from heartfelt distress, and from the pains of grief. According to Your will and their need, grant comfort and deliverance from their time of trial. Keep them mindful of Your presence with them and sustain them in the faith. (We pray especially for _____). Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.