

Community Prayer for December 7, 2025

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In this season of hope and expectation, Lord, we await with longing the many ways you will continue to come into our lives, to touch our world, to inspire our actions, to feed our souls, to challenge our behaviors, and to support our efforts.

Come, Lord, to the immigrants and asylum seekers. Protect those fleeing persecution, injustice, and hardships of every kind. Bless them with peace and safety. Usher them into lands of opportunity and freedom. Gift justice seekers with human rights and protection.

Come, Lord, to the people who are protesting abuse, discrimination, injustice, poverty, broken legal systems, tyrannical leadership and cruel retaliation for perceived wrongs. We ask you to keep these brave and dedicated people safe and let their efforts be productive. Bless their courage and swell their ranks. Move us to join them in any way we can.

Come, Lord, to soften the hearts hardened by fear, prejudice, lies and conspiracy theories. Open the eyes of those who do not see that others have the same needs, desires, loves and aspirations as their own. May your great Love prevail over hatred, bias and blindness so that those who are trying to attack, prosecute, imprison and deport the victims of injustice will learn mercy.

Come, Lord, to lead us all to understand and accept those whose cultures, beliefs, and appearances are different from ours. Renew in our hearts the realization that all people are created by you, loved by you, and redeemed by you. Help us to mend what is broken in our relationships and

practices so that your kingdom of goodness on earth can become a reality.

Come, Lord, to remind us of the treasure you have given us in all of creation. Awaken in us a sense of responsibility toward the resources we have taken for granted. Fill us with a sense of urgency to protect what our own careless actions have been destroying. Take away the greed and thoughtlessness that have led us down a path of risk and denial. Renew in us the conviction that, as co-creators, we bear the burden and the privilege of keeping our world beautiful and life-giving.



Come, Lord, to bring peace where there is conflict. Bless peacemakers with inspired actions, selfless vision, courage and patience. Remove greed and hatred from the hearts of oppressors. Move those who create and use instruments of war to see that nothing good comes from perpetual destruction. Give leaders the ability to see how to end conflicts. Give those they lead to persevere in actions that will end hostility.

Come, Lord, to give us hope that everything can be made right when we acknowledge your power to change hearts, when we answer your call to be a light for our world, when we give witness to love and goodness and peace.

May this Advent season usher in what we need most from you and may it reveal to our hearts what you need most from us. Amen