

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
December 21-22, Fourth Sunday of Advent

For our Church, help us to put away the fears and disappointments that imprison us in darkness. Rather help us rejoice in you, our all-powerful God, who is with us in our struggles. **God, our hope, we pray.**

For the world: in faith, we raise our voices in prayer for peace and harmony among all peoples and nations. **God, our hope, we pray.**

For the homeless in our city, especially those who struggle with addiction or mental illness, that we may find ways to reach out to them with compassion and help. **God, our hope, we pray.**

As you did for Mary, pour yourself into us and change us forever. Help us to be your peace on earth. **God, our hope, we pray.**

At the end of this Advent season, renew in us the sense of deep mystery and wonder that you became man out of love for us. **God, our hope, we pray.**

We earnestly pray for those who are sick. We pray also for those who have died - may their souls rest in peace. **God, our hope, we pray.**

We lift up to you the prayers of this community, and those we hold in the silence of our hearts. **God, our hope, we pray.**