

SECOND DAY PRAYER

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During Advent we ponder and celebrate anew the arrival of our Redeeming King, Jesus Christ. As you enter this time of prayer, we invite you to utilize the following hymn, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," as a means of stirring your affections for Christ our King:

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear.
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of Thy birth, we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth;
"Go to Him your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth!"

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end.
By His life He brings us gladness,
Our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child, and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Let us now come to the Father through our Savior King and petition Him on behalf of our city.

Pray for Christians During Advent

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." *Luke 1:26-33*

- Pray that we as Christians would prepare our hearts to experience afresh the fullness of Christ.
- Pray that the glory of Christ would shine into our hearts, filling our souls with wonder and amazement.
- Pray that we as Christians might be renewed by Christ and joyfully sent out to live as agents of renewal in the city of Memphis.
- Pray that we as Christians would long for Jesus' return, when He will make all things right.

Pray for the Light of Jesus Christ to Push Back Darkness in our City

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. *Isaiah 9:2*

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. *John 1:9-13*

- Pray that the light of Jesus Christ would shine through the proclamation of the gospel to our neighbors.
- Pray that the light of Jesus Christ would shine through deeds of mercy and kindness to those in need.
- Pray that the light of Jesus Christ would shine through generosity and cheerful giving to those who are under-resourced.
- Pray that the light of Jesus Christ would shine through loving relationships with those who are lonely and isolated.
- Pray that the light of Jesus Christ would shine through compassionate care to those who are suffering and afflicted.

Pray for the Reign of Jesus Christ to be Established in our City

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. *Isaiah 9:6-7*

- Pray that salvation might come to our neighbors and that Jesus would reign in their hearts.
- Pray for distressed neighborhoods to have a renewed sense of hope and anticipation of future opportunities that would contribute to communal flourishing.
- Pray that our Lord will provide for every need according to the riches of His grace and that every family would be amply supplied.
- Pray for all to be reconciled to Christ and to find a sense of family in a local church.
- Pray for the sick to be healed and for those suffering to experience the comforting presence of Christ.

SAVE THE DATE

Our next Second Day Prayer will be Monday, January 2, 2023.
Visit 2pc.org/pray to register for a time slot online.

