

**Prayers of the People**  
**December 11, 2022**  
**Advent III**

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid, we pray to Jesus. Come to your Church as Lord and judge. We pray for Bishop Sam, for the Central Newfoundland Synod Office Staff, and for those worshipping in The Falkland Islands. Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your kingdom. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Come to your world as Sovereign of the nations. We pray for all those in administrative and leadership roles in our cities, towns, and municipalities throughout the province and the country. Before you, rulers will stand in silence. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter. We pray for those on the Ascension Prayer Cycle, for those in hospitals and long term care facilities, and for those caring for loved ones at home. Break into our lives, where we struggle with sickness and distress, and set us free to serve you forever. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls. We remember those who have died, especially Frances Piercey. Give us with all the faithful departed a share in your victory over evil and death. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus, with power and great glory. Lift us up to meet you, that with all your saints and angels we may live and reign with you in your new creation. Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to your people, who trust in your love.**  
**By your coming, raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom on earth as in heaven, where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

**ASCENSION PRAYER CYCLE:** Aden, Ambrose, Amelia, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Bettina, Beverly, Brenda, Brian, Berdina, Brandon, Callum, Carl, Cathy, Christina, Cindy, Claire, Clarence, Connie, Daisy, Debra, Delilah, Dennis, Derrick, Don, Donna, Doreen, Dot, Douglas, Dulcie, Ed, Edie, Elaine, Elizabeth, Emily, Erin, Evelyn, Frances, Frederick, Fred, Frank, Flo, Garrett, Gary, George, Gerald, Gerry, Glen, Harry, Ike, Ingrid, Ira, Irene, Jack, Janet, Jason, Jenny, Josephine, Joan, Junior, Kent, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Leo, Leonie, Lewis, Linda, Lori, Louise, Luke, Marie, Marsha, Marion, Maxwell, Melvin, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mona, Nancy, Nicole, Oskar, Pam, Peter, Randell, Rochelle, Rodney, Rose, Ruby, Sadie, Sam, Scott, Sean, Shirley, Stephen, Susan, Tina, Todd, Tom, Tony, Valerie, Wayne.

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**A CANDLE IS BURNING**

*A candle is burning, a Flame warm and bright,  
a candle of hope in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.*

*A candle is burning, a candle of joy,  
a candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow as joy  
brightens winter like sunshine on snow.*

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**MAGNIFICAT**

*An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her "Rejoice, O highly favoured, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High." And Mary said, "I am the servant of my God, I will live to do his will."*

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the God, and my spirit rejoices in you; You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through. Great and mighty are you, O Holy One, strong is your kindness evermore. How you favour the weak and lowly one, humbling the proud of heart. You have cast the mighty down from their thrones, and up lifted the humble of heart,  
You have filled the hungry with wondrous things, and left the wealthy no part. Great and mighty are you, O Faithful One, strong is your justice, strong your love. As you promised to Sarah and Abraham, kindness for evermore. My soul proclaims the greatness of the God, and my spirit rejoices in you; You have looked with love on your servant here, and blessed me all my life through.*