Sunday Prayers.11.29.2026
Advent 1

Holy One, Advent is a time of waiting and wondering, preparing and pondering. We are waiting for so many things—some among us need healing, others need to feel seen and valued, others of us need to know we belong somewhere, others of us need a sense of internal calmness, and all of us need peace. Come, move among us and renew our sense of gentle spirits and generous hope. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Prince of Peace, we pray for those who are not well—those who are suffering from physical illness—temporary viruses and long term diseases, mental health issues, seasonal depression, and any other stresses that are causing injury and harm. We pray for people who are struggling in relationships. We pray for people who are having trouble finding hope. Wrap them all in the warmth of your love and bring healing wherever it is needed. Allow caregivers the renewal and fresh breaths that they need to keep doing what they are doing to love and care for their people. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Mighty God, you know the grief of our lives. We grieve lots of things. We grieve people we love…and miss desperately…particularly in these holiday seasons. Please hold all who have lost loves this year…or any year. Bring the memories of the best parts to mind…and help us move forward holding on to their recipes, their beauty, and the sound of their voices calling our names with tenderness and love. Remind us that your love and life is bigger and more prevalent than what we can ever know or imagine. This week, we remember…

everyone who lost one of their people from the significant circle of their saints

Please love them boldly and hold them tightly in their grief….
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Wonderful Counselor, have you noticed the challenges we have in our world? Do you recognize our fears and worries? How are we to live? How are we to love? Why is it so hard? What do you see that we do not? How might we make a difference? Please move us with mercy to be your partners in mending all of creation. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Everlasting Father, in the darkness of this season we give thanks for all the people who string lights that somehow brighten the world. For all the good being done among us, we give thanks. For all the hope being generated in our midst, we are grateful. Thank you for being the one who dwells among us…always inviting us to lives that are full of vibrancy, truth and grace. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy and promise. Amen.