
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Get the road ready for the Lord!

Our God is always ready to hear our prayers.
Let us be still, and pray to him now.

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for all those who remind us
to be kind and loving by their words and example.
We pray that as a church
we may get ready to welcome you
and put right whatever blocks us from your love.

Silence

Come to us, Lord:
we know our need of you.

We pray that the lines of communication
between people and nations
may be kept open, respected and honoured,
and that where communication has broken down
there may be a new desire for healing.

Silence

Come to us, Lord:
we know our need of you.

Heavenly Father,
we pray for all those making and repairing roads,
travelling on them and stuck in traffic jams;
we pray for the towns and villages linked by roads,
for a public transport system that protects the environment,
and serves the community.

Silence

Come to us, Lord:
we know our need of you.

We pray for those we see and talk to
every day or every week;
for those we often argue with or misunderstand;
for those who brighten our lives and make us smile;
for a greater thankfulness and appreciation
of those we usually take for granted.

Silence

Come to us, Lord:
we know our need of you.

We pray for those we have hurt or upset;
for those who feel isolated and alone;
for the ill, the frail, the stressed and the bitter.

Silence

Come to us, Lord:
we know our need of you.

We pray for the dying
and those who have died to this earthly life.
May they know the eternal peace of your heaven,
and may those who miss them be comforted.

Silence

Come to us, Lord:
we know our need of you.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for helping us
to get ourselves ready to receive you.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**