

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

3rd Sunday of Advent, Cycle A

Presider:

We rejoice, because our God comes to save us. In this joy, let us give voice to the yearnings of our hearts:

Deacon or Reader:

1. **Our Response is..... Come, Lord Jesus.**

For the Church, that by living authentically as the Body of Christ, she may be a living sign of the many causes to rejoice,

(pause) With longing in our hearts, we pray,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Deacon or Reader:

2. For the Americas: that through the intercession of our patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe, our lands may be protected and blessed,

(pause) With longing in our hearts, we pray,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Deacon or Reader:

3. For the men and women who serve our nation in the armed forces: that they may help to preserve peace. And for those distanced from family during the upcoming holidays, that the loved inscribed on their hearts may be a source of consolation and closeness,

(pause) With longing in our hearts, we pray,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Deacon or Reader:

4. For all who have died, that as exiles in earthly life, they may return to their maker, entering Zion singing, and crowned with everlasting joy,

(pause) With longing in our hearts, we pray,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Deacon or Reader:

5. For the prayers of this family, gathered in this sacred place, and the supplications offered in our parish book of prayers, that all these may be offered with ultimate trust in God's will,

(pause) With longing in our hearts, we pray,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Deacon or Reader:

6. For those who will benefit from our Second Collection in support of *Catholic Community Services*, that the poor and those in crisis may experience God's love through our response, made in Christ's name,

(pause) With longing in our hearts, we pray,

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Presider:

Father, we hear your call to repentance and rejoice that our salvation is near. Make our hearts ready for the coming of Christ your Son, Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.