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Daily Prayer for the 1st Sunday of Advent

Opening Sentences:

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Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[Phil. 1:2]*

Praying Together

Lord, open our ears.

To my humble supplication Lord, give ear and acceptance. Save thy servant, that hath none help nor hope but Thee alone. Amen.^{ff}

Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. **We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.^{ff}

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Praise the Lord; It is good to sing praises to our God!

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; our God has understanding beyond measure and takes pleasure in those who hope in him.

[Silent Prayer; or Music may be listened to; or a Hymn is sung.]

Prayers of the People:

O high and glorious God, enlighten my heart with your presence and grant me faith in your goodness and love. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

[Silent Prayer]

Instill in my heart your perfect love for all people. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *[Silent Prayer]*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; that they may be delivered from their distress. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

[Silent Prayer]

Hear our prayer O Lord as we pray together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing prayer:

My Lord, may all that I have seen of you and all that I have heard from your word now live within me. Send me from this place with the will to bring the promise or your love to all those my life I will touch this day.

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