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### Daily Prayer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

#### Opening Sentences:

*God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way.* <sup>ff</sup>

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. (Isaiah 40)

#### Praying Together

Lord, open our lips.

***Our mouth shall proclaim your praise.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***



#### Confession:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
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.**

#### From Psalm 149:

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

**Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.**  
Let them praise his Name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.**

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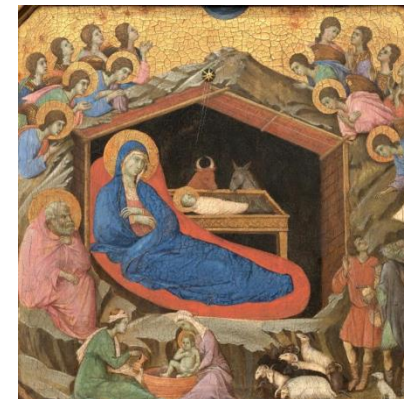
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**Clothe your ministers with righteousness; Let your people sing with joy.**

[Silent Prayer]

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; For only in you can we live in safety.

**Lord, keep this nation under your care; And guide us in the way of justice and truth.** [Silent Prayer]

Let your way be known upon earth; Your saving health among all nations.

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[Silent Prayer]

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[Silent Prayer]

In your mercy Lord, **hear our prayers.** [Silent Prayer]

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Closing prayer:

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

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