

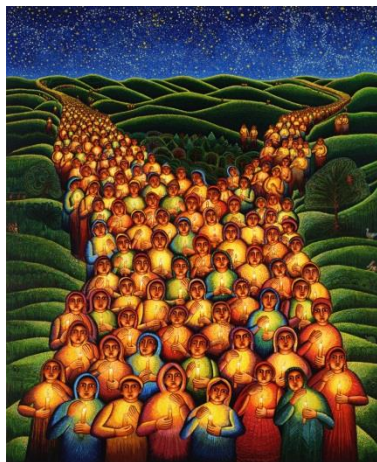
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Daily Prayer for the 2nd Saturday of Advent www.HopeForNiagara.org

Opening Sentences:

By your grace, transform our prayers from words to deeds, that we may live as a holy people in the dawn of your peace, redeemed from all that divides us.^{ff}

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own...this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14)



Praying Together

O God, make speed to save us. ***O Lord, make haste to help us.***
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. Alleluia.

Confession: *(found at the Altar of the Coventry Cathedral)*

All have sinned and fall short of the Glory of God. (Romans)
The Hatred...which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class;
Father, Forgive.
The Greed...which exploits the labors of men and lay waste to earth;
Father Forgive.
Our Envy...of the welfare and happiness of others; **Father, Forgive.**
Our Indifference...to the plight of the homeless and the refugee;
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The Lust...which uses for ignoble ends, the bodies of men and women;
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Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (Ephesians)

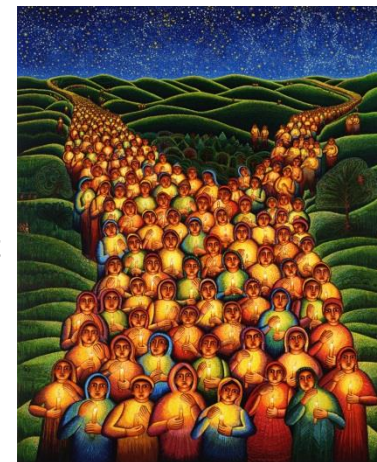
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From Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

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

Prayers of the People:

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *[Silent Prayer]*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.** *[Silent Prayer]*

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**
[Silent Prayer]

For all people in their daily life and work; for our families, friends, and neighbors, and especially for those who are alone during this difficult holiday season. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**
[Silent Prayer]

In your mercy Lord, hear our prayer 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:

And now my Lord, send us from this quiet place to be a living oracle of Good News for all persons we will meet who are yet lost in darkness and who cry in despair. Help us to be the light of your love in this present darkness.

Amen.

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