

Prayers of Intercession
December 15, 2024

Responsive Sentence for the Third Sunday of Advent:

Assisting Minister: *“Stir up your power and come.”*

C: *... “Lord Jesus, live among us.”*

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

a brief silence

Help us, Sovereign Lord, to be bearers of your grace to a world in need. Make us bold in our proclamation of your saving grace, and gentle of heart toward all people. Give us the words to speak to the world and fill us with your wisdom, as we go out and share the Good News of your coming kingdom. *Stir up your power and come. Lord Jesus, live among us.*

Holy One, you are the giver of new beginnings and the healer of all ills. Look favorably on all those who suffer. Provide food for the hungry, shelter for the poor, peace in war torn areas, and healing to all who call on your name. We pray especially [those we now name aloud or silently in our hearts.]. *Stir up your power and come. Lord Jesus, live among us.*

Be with our nation and heal our divisions. We commend to you our President Joe Biden, President-Elect Donald Trump and our Governor Joshua Shapiro, and all who serve in elected or appointed positions in government. We ask your hand of blessing upon all our leaders of our military, and all our servicemen and women. Together let us proclaim.... “In God we trust.” Lord, help us to be quick to listen to others while we remain strong to publicly express our concern for life, especially the most vulnerable, the preborn, children, elderly and the sick. Draw us all together in commitment to freedom, justice, and peace. *Stir up your power and come. Lord Jesus, live among us.*

O Lord, shine a light on the path of peace in the darkness of war between Russia, Ukraine, Israel and the middle East. Remove the injustice of antisemitism. We pray for every mercy and grace to all victims of violence. Swiftly bring recovery and healing. *Stir up your power and come. Lord Jesus, live among us.*

We ask your blessing upon all congregations who proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and all pastors, especially for the N.A.L.C. and St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Middle River, MD. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Stir up your power and come. Lord Jesus, live among us.*