

CLOSING PRAYER SERVICE



Leader: A reading from the First letter of John (1 John 4:7, 9, 21)

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. This is how God showed his love among us; He sent his one and only Son into the world. ...And He has given us this command; whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Please respond by singing, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.”

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the greatest gift of all, your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to prepare to receive Him once again in our hearts at Christmas, we pray to the Lord...

We thank you, Father, for the gifts that you have given each one of us. Help us to recognize them and to share them with our family and our friends – and even our enemies, we pray to the Lord...

We pray for those who do not know you, Lord Jesus. May we live in such a way that they will see you in us and come to know and love you, we pray to the Lord...

We pray for those who need you today: those who are sick, sad, or alone. May they know your love today, we pray to the Lord...

We pray for the poor, that they may know your love and care for them through the gifts that we have shared, we pray to the Lord...

We pray for our families, that we may continue to prepare well during these days of Advent for the great celebration of your birthday at Christmas, we pray to the Lord...