



## PEACE: THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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**LEADER:** We live in a world of tension between order and disorder. In this season of Advent, Lord, teach us the way to peace. On this Sunday of Peace, we ask for your peace to rest in our hearts, homes, communities, churches, nation, and world.

**RESPONSE:** Lord, grant us your peace and bless us to be your instruments of peace.

**LEADER:** Lord, have mercy on our broken and divided world. We ask that you break the chains of injustice, inequality, violence, and war. We pray, Lord, to save us from the lie of false peace and grant us your true peace through the light of the gospel.

**RESPONSE:** Lord, grant us your peace and bless us to be your instruments of peace.

**LEADER:** Lord, we seek to walk humbly with you, and we pray that you would empower us to serve as your stewards of love, justice, and mercy. We yearn for peace in our hearts and our lives. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with us.

*Light two purple candles.*

**ALL:** We light a candle of peace today, affirming the presence of Jesus Christ—the Prince of Peace. Renew us, restore us, revive us, and reconcile us. May the hope and peace of God rest with us in our worship and our waiting, now and always. Amen.