



ADVENT WREATH RITES

(Performed after the Entrance Hymn, before the Greeting)

2nd Sunday of Advent:

Theme : PEACE - PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

(“A voice cries out, prepare in the wilderness a road for the Lord! Clear the way in the desert for our God! ...” Isaiah 40: 3)

Priest Father, as we journey down this Advent road, we relight the candle of hope, and we light a candle of peace. Grant us the courage to make peace: peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our communities.

All Amen.

LIGHTING OF TWO PURPLE CANDLES

(While the two purple candles of the Advent Wreath are being lighted by the father of a selected family, the Choir sings “Change My Heart Oh God”)

CHANGE MY HEART OH GOD

(Refrain)

Change my heart, oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart, oh God
May I be like You.
You are the potter
I am the clay
Knead me and mold me
That is what I pray. *(Ref.)*

Prayer to be led by the father or any male member of the family :

God the Father, when we are too weak to stand for what is right, when we behave irresponsibly, when we allow vices to control us and when we put our trust in persons, beliefs and rituals that are not from you - rescue us, Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer to be led by the mother or any female member of the family :

O God, deliver us from relying on false gods and wrong beliefs. From our pride and stubborn hearts and from our anger and resentments, humble our hearts and make us turn to you so that we may receive new life. **Amen.**

Prayer to be led by one of the children:

Dear Lord, when we don't realize the urgent need to repent and when we think only of ourselves and thus not care enough for others - come and enlighten us with your Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest Find us, O great and loving Savior. Rescue us from personal choices that keep us away from Your grace. Grant us Your wisdom that we may discern wrong from right. Train us to always recognize Your voice when You speak in our hearts.

All Amen

Glory be to the Father

(The Mass continue with the greeting)