**Litany for Advent I - November 28, 2021**

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. (Jeremiah 33:15)

Something to Ponder and Pray About:

Our nation believes in E pluribus unum – out of many, one. We believe that all men and women are created equal. At times, we have had challenges fulfilling this awesome challenge.

Jim Crow laws disenfranchised and removed economic gains made by African Americans during Reconstruction.

The ongoing journey of equality has brought us a long way…but we still have a ways to go. And we can get there if we walk together and commit to being a more perfect union. We can address the sin of racism, and we can make things better for all.

L/     As the people long ago yearned for your saving power, we call on you today to stir up your power and alert us to the dangers of the sin of racism.  O Lord, our source of hope,

R/    GRANT HELP TO ALL THOSE SUFFERING THE EFFECTS OF RACISM.  GIVE US YOUR GUIDANCE, JUSTICE AND PEACE.

L/     The Messiah comes to bring justice and righteousness.  We are called in Baptism to work for justice and peace.  Jesus redeems us for a life of justice. Becoming more aware of the effects of racism, and asking God to alert us to our own and our church’s part in it, can be part of this justice work.  O Lord, our source of truth,

R/    BLESS ALL WHO WORK FOR JUSTICE IN YOUR HOLY NAME.

L/     Loving God, remind us that each person who looks or speaks differently from us, is a person for whom Christ came into the world and died.  O Lord, our source of life,

R/    AS WE AWAIT YOUR COMING IN GLORY, MAKE US READY TO SERVE AS YOUR HANDS IN WORKING FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITES.  AMEN!  COME LORD JESUS!