

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent

O God of comfort,
on this Second Sunday of Advent,
through the example of Isaiah the prophet,
you remind us of your loving presence in our lives
as we light our second Advent candle.

As did those during the time
when Jesus walked the earth,
we live in fearful times of great uncertainty.
We find ourselves longing for
your promise of old
when "Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low;

the rugged land shall be made a plain,
the rough country, a broad valley."

As we continue our
Advent journey to Christmas,
Open our hearts to your comfort,
to knowing your merciful love for us.
Let your love take root in our hearts
to grow strong against
any fear and doubt.

Make us bold in being able to share that love
with others, especially those who need it most.
Form us to be your missionary disciples.

We ask this through Jesus,
who experienced your comfort and peace
in troubling times.

Amen.

