**Prayers of the Faithful**

 **15th December 2019**

**Priest:** Let us raise our hears in prayer and supplication, that our faith may grow

 Stronger, our love more concrete and our hope more lively

**Reader:**

1. May the Church always proclaim the happiness

Of those who keep faith in Christ;

May she witness concretely to the happiness.

**LORD**, Hear Us

1. For those who oppose the mistrust faith, and fear it effects in civic life.

May they be enlightened by Christ

and won over by the goodness of his followers

**LORD** hear us

1. For those who suffer doubt,

Who wonder if Christ is really the answer to the longings of their hearts.

May they be confirmed in their Faith.

**LORD** hear us

1. Even in his imprisonment, John the Baptist sought to understand Jesus.

May life’s hardships and challenges not deflect Christians

From following Christ as their Lord and Master.

**LORD** hear us

1. May their faithful departed take their place in the kingdom of heaven

With St John the Baptist and all the saints.

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**LORD** hear us

1. **We pause for our own prayers………………………(5 Sec. Pause)**

**Priest:**

**We pray for the dead………………………………..**

Give us joyful hearts, Father, on our advent journey, as we make these and all

Our prayers. Through Christ our Lord. Amen