

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

### **Second Sunday of Advent.**

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

1. We pray for Pope Francis, for our Bishop Ger and for our local Clergy who guide us along the path of life.

Lord, hear us.

2. We pray that we may be instruments of your peace in a troubled world. Move our hearts to offer support and relief to those who suffer.

Lord, hear us.

3. We pray that we may grow in understanding of and in faithfulness to our Christian calling.

Lord, hear us.

4. We pray that our sense of compassion and justice will be awakened as we see the poor and the needy struggling to exist in a world of plenty.

Lord, hear us.

5. We pray for the generosity of spirit to embrace a lifestyle that will help protect our beautiful planet for future generations.

Lord, hear us.

6. We pause now for our own prayers. (**\* 5 second pause**)

Lord, hear us.

***...Priest: We pray for our dead.***

## **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Holy Day – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

**8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

1. Just as Mary pondered all things in her heart, we pray that we may ponder on the Word of God and put it into practice in our lives.  
Lord, hear us.
2. Mary placed her trust in God when she did not understand. Following her example, we pray that, in times of darkness or doubt we will trust in the saving providence of our loving God.  
Lord, hear us.
3. We pray, through the intercession of Mary, that all who are entrusted with the formation of children will lead them in the way of truth, goodness, and love.  
Lord, hear us.
4. Mary, Mother of Jesus, was a woman of prayer. We pray, that we will be joined in continuous prayer with her as we journey through the trials and challenges of life.  
Lord, hear us.
5. Through the prayers of Mary, our mother, heal the sick, comfort the sorrowful, pardon sinners, grant peace and salvation to all.  
Lord, hear us.
6. We pause now for our own prayers. (**\* 5 second pause**)  
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## **Third Sunday of Advent**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

1. We pray that civic and political leaders around the world will work together to pursue authentic human development, which is moral, sustainable and attentive to both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.  
Lord, hear us.
  
2. We pray for a deeper awareness of the gifts of the Spirit in our Church. May we support each other in bringing Jesus to life in our own living.  
Lord, hear us.
  
3. We pray that the light of the Advent Wreath will be a sign of hope for all who prepare for the birth of the Christ Child and rejoice in His love.  
Lord, hear us.
  
4. We pray for our Christian community. May joy, prayer and thanksgiving characterise our daily living.  
Lord, hear us.
  
5. We pray that all who have been bereaved during the past year will treasure the memory of their loved ones and entrust them to the loving care of their Creator.  
Lord, hear us.
  
6. We pause now for our own prayers. (**\* 5 second pause**)  
Lord, hear us.

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## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**18<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

1. We pray that the God of hope will fill us with the joy and peace of our faith.  
Lord, hear us.
2. We pray for the generosity of spirit to care for our common home by living in harmony with God, with our neighbours and with nature.  
Lord, hear us.
3. We pray that our children will be blessed with health, happiness, loving families, and the capacity to enjoy the wonders of our beautiful world.  
Lord, hear us.
4. We pray Lord that you will lay your healing hand on all who are sick, troubled, or worried.  
  
Lord, hear us.
5. We pray for immigrants who have come to our country. May all be enriched and blessed by the generous sharing of faith, cultures, gifts and talents.  
Lord, hear us.
6. We pause now for our own prayers. (**\* 5 second pause**)  
  
Lord, hear us.

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## **The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day**

**25<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

1. We pray that the mystery we celebrate on this **holy night/blessed day** will enrich our Church and bring it to new birth.  
Lord, hear us.
  
2. We pray for all who are gathered here to welcome the Christ Child and to rejoice in His birth. May the light of faith in our hearts shine through all that we do and say.  
Lord, hear us.
  
3. We pray that families throughout the world will cherish their children and radiate to them the human and divine qualities of compassion, understanding, kindness and patience.  
Lord, hear us.
  
4. We pray for all who are tormented with pain and unable to experience the peace of this joy-filled season. Merciful Father, take pity on them and restore them to health.  
  
Lord, hear us.
  
5. We pray for people who are isolated and alone. Move our hearts to reach out to them in love and compassion.  
  
Lord, hear us.
  
6. We pause now for our own prayers. (**\* 5 second pause**)  
  
Lord, hear us.

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