

First Sunday of Advent

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: In the prayerful anticipation of this Advent Season let us now make our Prayers of petition and give thanks to our Heavenly Father.

1. Through the many and varied preparations we will undertake over the coming weeks, may we resolve to set aside time for the spiritual preparations that matter most. May we prayerfully reflect on Christ's coming and seek his forgiveness and grace during the Advent Season. **Lord, hear us.**

2. We pray in this Mass for all who are ill in body or mind. We pray for those who are suffering in any way. Lord, grant your gifts of courage, healing and acceptance to those most in need. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For all who are facing financial difficulties and for those who have become unemployed; that they may receive the advice, help, support and resources that they require at this time. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for a spirit of moderation and charity during this Advent season so that individuals and families will not be unduly burdened or distracted from the things that are most important. **Lord, hear us.**

5. Throughout the season of Advent we pray that we may find new opportunities to deepen our faith and stay awake and stand ready for the Lord at all times. **Lord, hear us.**

6. The goal to achieve world peace has suffered greatly in the past year. We pray for all who have died as a result of conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere and for those who have been injured and forced from their homes. We pray that the seeds of peace will be sown in the hearts of those who cause such suffering and pain. **Lord, hear us.**

7. As we approach the end of November having sought the intercession of the Saints and prayed for the Holy Souls, let us continue to remember and pray for all our Faithful Departed. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: God of power, the rays of your light will grow brighter and emerge through the darkness as we journey through this Advent Season. Thank you for all you have given to us. Keep us watchful for the day when the sounds of war will grow silent, and all your people will once again be gathered into one. We make these and all our prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**