

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Prayer of the Faithful**

**Celebrant:** As this Advent season draws to a close, let us turn towards the God who comes so close to us in Jesus.

1. For the Church, that she may be renewed and transformed by the mystery of Christ's becoming one of us. **Lord, hear us.**
  
2. For all Christians, that the celebration of the birthday of our Saviour may renew us in faith and unite us in love. **Lord, hear us.**
  
3. For the poor, the lonely, the displaced, and all who suffer, that the coming celebration of Christmas may bring joy and peace to all. **Lord, hear us.**
  
4. For all of us, gathered in this holy place, that we may help to prepare the world for Christ's coming by living lives of peace, joy, and love. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. For all who are travelling the world over to be with loved ones this Christmas. Protect them on their journey and bless their reunion with family and friends. **Lord, hear us.**
  
6. For those who support those struggling to make ends meet this Christmas. Reward their dedication and compassion and provide them with adequate resources. **Lord, hear us.**
  
5. For all those who have gone before us in faith, that they may know in heaven the reward of their faithfulness. **Lord, hear us.**

**Celebrant:** Eternal God, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, teach us to welcome Jesus, and to preach the good news of his coming. Grant these and all our prayers through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**