

Gaudete Sunday

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we find our joy in the One who is to come, we place our needs before the Lord with hope and confidence.

1. We pray for Francis our Pope and all who serve the Church - that they will point the people of God towards the presence of the Lord in the ministry of healing and in the proclamation of the Good News. **Lord, hear us.**

2. For the needs of the world – we pray for an end to violence so that everywhere sorrow and lament will be turned into gladness and joy. **Lord, hear us.**

3. In gratitude for the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society: may our caring charity support their compassion and outreach to the poor and those who are struggling. **Lord, hear us.**

3. For the blind and the lame, for the sick and bereaved – that in their suffering they will not lose faith in God. **Lord, hear us.**

4. For families who experience separation or division – grant them patience in dealing with each other and tolerance in the face of conflict. **Lord, hear us.**

5. For ourselves – that we will listen to the voice of the prophets announcing the coming of Christ and prepare in our hearts a suitable place for his arrival. **Lord, hear us.**

6. For the dead – that they may share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven with John the Baptist and all the children of God who have gone before us. **Lord, hear us.**

Celebrant: Father, may our joy grow ever deeper as you heed our prayers in accordance with your holy will, through Christ our Lord, **Amen**