

Prayers of the Faithful
Second Sunday of Advent (C)

Celebrant:

As we seek to prepare our hearts and our world for the coming of the Lord, let us turn to our loving Father in prayer:

1. For the intentions of Pope Francis: that catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God, may be its witnesses, with courage and creativity in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, hear us.**

2. As the Year of St. Joseph draws to a close, continue to help us to know him as a model of strength and courage, our support in times of trial, and the protector of our families. **Lord, hear us.**

3. As John's voice cried in the wilderness, 'Prepare a way for the Lord', may we never become silent onlookers to the injustices of our world, but strive to be true and active messengers of His Word. **Lord, hear us.**

4. We pray for all young people; may the restrictions they encounter in their daily schooling form their character, strengthen their resilience, and increase their care for one another. **Lord, hear us.**

5. With a shared sense of responsibility, we pray for action to protect and care for all creation; set our economies and our lives on new, more life-giving paths. **Lord, hear us.**

6. That the gift of Christ's presence in the Eucharist may be a constant reminder to us to share our lives and resources with those in need. **Lord, hear us.**

7. For our parish community, especially those who are sick, troubled or bereaved, that they will be strengthened by the support of Christ's love. **Lord, hear us.**

8. For those who have died. May they *see the salvation of God*. **Lord, hear us.**

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Heavenly Father, you are our strength and our protection. Open our hearts to your grace and lead us to your Kingdom. We make these prayers through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**