

Prayers of the Faithful

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Celebrant:

As we look forward with Joy to the birth of the Christ child, let us open up our hearts in prayer to Him and with confidence seek His ever-generous assistance.

1. For the Church: may our hearts be an authentic dwelling place for God Who will guide us in bringing His Presence to all whom we meet. **Lord, hear us.**

2. That Government leaders will be responsive to the needs of their people, especially families with young children, the poor, and the needy. **Lord, hear us.**

3. We pray for all mothers preparing for childbirth at this time. Bless them with a safe delivery and may the birth of their child bring happiness to them and their families. **Lord, Hear Us.**

4. We pray for the unborn. As you who have given us life, renew our conviction that all human life created in your image and likeness is sacred. May legislators safeguard the rights of every person through the laws they enact and the policies they develop. **Lord, Hear Us.**

5. As many look forward to the joy of Christmas, we pray for those who in the last year have lost loved ones. May their faith be strengthened and their hearts consoled in the knowledge that the souls of all our deceased are in the loving care of the Father. **Lord, Hear Us.**

6. As we prepare for this holy feast of Christmas, we pray for those in financial distress. In the true Christian spirit, may we share with those who are struggling from the blessings we have received. **Lord. Hear Us.**

7. As we approach Christmas Day, we pray for love and reconciliation in our community, particularly in families. **Lord, Hear Us.**

8. We bow our heads and remember in silence our own personal intentions and the intentions of those who have asked us for our prayers. **Lord, hear us.**

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Ever loving and generous Father, we ask that you hear these prayers as we celebrate with joy your everlasting love for us. We make these prayers through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen.**