

## Season of Advent : Sunday 2C General Intercessions

### Priest

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.  
In this season of hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

### Reader

1. For the Church:  
that we may make ready a way for the Lord in our time  
and make a straight path for God  
in our hearts, our families, and our work places.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least **five** seconds, please. Repeat after each intention.*

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

2. For all who are suffering:  
that God may smooth the pathways of those fleeing oppression,  
guide refugees to places of safety,  
renew the spirits of those who have experience abuse,  
and free those unjustly held.
3. For children:  
that the hope that fills their hearts this season  
may become firmly planted within them,  
and sustain them throughout life's journey.
4. For all who are ill:  
that God will heal the sick, strengthen their carers,  
and inspire all who are seeking cures for disease.
5. For the faithful departed;  
that the good work begun in them at baptism  
will reach perfection in the glory of heaven.
6. Let us ask Mary, our blessed mother, to intercede for us with her Son: Hail Mary

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Almighty and merciful God,  
do not let our earthly concerns  
keep us from hastening to meet your Son,  
but teach us that heavenly wisdom  
which makes us his true companions.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.