

Season of Advent : Sunday 3C

SVP collection

General Intercessions

Priest

With prayer and thanksgiving,
we place all our petitions before God our Father.

Reader

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis, our bishops, priests, and deacons:
that God will give them courage and strength,
so that they may radiate joy in proclaiming the Good News.

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

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

2. Jesus came to bring peace to the world.
We pray that all who are promoting war and violence
may turn their hearts and minds around, and allow God's peace to enter.
3. As we make ready for Christmas,
let us remember all the families who are suffering either mentally or physically,
through illness, unemployment, bereavement,
or personal problems within the home.
4. For the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society,
especially in our own parishes:
that God will bless the members, and all that they do.
5. For all who are sick, particularly those among our families and friends
who suffer in mind or body:
that Our Lord will come with his peace and healing .
6. For our faithful departed:
those who are recently deceased
and those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
that they may know eternal peace and rest.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

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Gracious God,
your people look forward in hope
to the festival of our Saviour's birth.
Give us strength to reach that happy day of salvation,
and to celebrate it with hearts full of joy.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.