

Season of Advent : Sunday 3C General Intercessions

Priest

Rejoicing in this season of hope,
we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For our Holy Father Pope Francis,
our bishops, priests and deacons;
that God give them courage and strength
to radiate joy in proclaiming the Good News.

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

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

2. For all Christians and for the churches to which they belong;
that we may all come one day to full unity
in one faith and one practice.
3. As we make ready for Christmas,
let us remember all who are suffering either mentally or physically,
through illness, unemployment, bereavement,
or personal problems within the home.
4. For all who will not rejoice this Christmas:
those who will spend their first Christmas alone,
after the loss of a spouse or partner, a parent, child, or a dear friend;
we pray for all who are homeless,
and those who have lost contact with family and friends.
5. For our sick, particularly those among our families and friends
who suffer in mind or body;
that the 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 God grant them eternal peace and rest.
7. We ask Mary, mother of our Saviour, 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.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.