

Season of Advent : Sunday 4C General Intercessions

Priest

We are given life that we may call upon God's name.
In this season of hope, we pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the whole Church;
that our life, our worship, and our care of those in need
will faithfully proclaim the mystery of Jesus Christ.

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

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

2. For the peace of the world; for an end to disputes and conflicts everywhere;
we pray especially for the peoples of the Holy Land,
and for the work of the United Nations.
3. For those who are not looking forward to Christmas:
all who will spend their first Christmas alone,
those whose family life is difficult,
and those who have lost contact with family or friends:
may they find consolation and hope in the coming of our Saviour.
4. For all expectant mothers,
especially any who may be troubled by anxiety or doubt;
may Mary, Mother of our Saviour, comfort them and nurture their hope.
5. For our parish, and all of us gathered here;
that, like the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph,
we may be open to hear the life-giving word of God.
6. For the faithful departed;
that all who have believed in God's promise of life in Christ
will be gathered into the glory of heaven.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of our Saviour, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary, ...

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Pour forth, O Lord, your grace into our hearts:
once through the message of an angel
you revealed to us the incarnation of Christ your Son;
now through his passion and cross
lead us to the glory of his resurrection,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.