

Season of Advent : Sunday 1B
Collection for the Poor Parishes of our Diocese
General Intercessions

Priest

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.
In this season of hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the whole Church;
that this Advent season may be for us
a time of true renewal and conversion of heart;
that all who are baptised into Christ will bring hope to the world.

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 victims of terror and oppression;
for refugees driven from their homeland,
and those who have left family and home to search for work.
3. For the many people across the world who suffer HIV-AIDS,
and for all who work in medical science and research.
4. For the people and clergy of the poor parishes in our diocese;
that their communities of faith will grow strong in Christ.
5. For ourselves;
that we will heed the message of the scriptures,
grow together in faith,
and confidently proclaim the mystery of Jesus Christ.
6. For the faithful departed and those who mourn;
that the hope of Christ our Saviour will shine in their hearts.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

Priest

Almighty God,
strengthen the resolve of your faithful people
to prepare for the coming of your Christ by works of justice and mercy,
so that when we go forth to meet him
he may call us to sit at his right hand
and possess the kingdom of heaven.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.