

Season of Advent : Sunday 1C

Poor Parishes collection

General Intercessions

Priest

The Lord is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray.
In this season of hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church;
that all who follow Christ may bring hope to the world.

*PAUSE for silent prayer — at least **five** seconds, please.*

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

2. For the people and clergy of the poor parishes in our diocese;
that their communities of faith may grow strong in Christ.
3. For all who work in government and in politics;
that their work may give hope to those most in need.
4. For everyone affected by the floods:
those whose homes are damaged, or whose livelihoods threatened;
for all who have been distressed by their experience.
5. For all who suffer HIV-AIDS;
we remember those who care for them,
and pray for all who work in medical science.
6. We remember all the faithful departed, and those who mourn;
may the hope of Christ our Saviour 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.