

## Season of Advent : Sunday 2B

### General Intercessions

#### Priest

God's help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.  
In this season of hope, we pray for the Church and for the world.

#### Reader

1. For all members of the Church;  
that we will have true reverence for the scriptures  
and be open to hear the life-giving word of God.

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

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

2. For peace throughout the world;  
that all peoples will live in harmony,  
free from the threat of violence, terror, and oppression.
3. For all who are suffering difficulties in their home life,  
especially any among us in this congregation;  
may they find consolation in the coming of our Saviour.
4. For all who are ill,  
and those who are anxious for the health of those they love;  
may they know the healing presence of Christ.
5. For our parishes, and for everyone with us today;  
that we will heed the Advent call to conversion of heart,  
and live holy and saintly lives in readiness for the Day of the Lord.
6. For the faithful departed:  
those who have died recently, and all whose anniversary we keep;  
may they find eternal rest with God.
7. We ask Mary, Mother of the Church, to join her prayers with ours: Hail Mary ...

#### Priest

Almighty and merciful God,  
do not let our earthly concerns  
keep us from hastening to meet your Son,  
but teach us that heavenly wisdom  
which makes us his true companions.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.