

Season of Advent : Sunday 3B

SVP collection

General Intercessions

Priest

God has called us, and God will not fail us.
Rejoicing in this season of hope,
let us pray without ceasing for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church of God throughout the world;
that we will rejoice in Christ our Saviour,
and be to others a people of joyful hope.

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

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

2. For the healing of the nations; for an end to conflict and violence;
we pray for the work of the relief agencies, and for all who seek to build peace.
3. For all who will not rejoice this Christmas:
those who will spend their first Christmas alone,
after the loss of a spouse, partner, parent, child, or a dear friend;
those who are homeless;
those who have lost contact with family and friends.
4. For the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society,
especially in our own parishes:
that God will bless the members, and all that they do.
5. For our parishes, and all who gather with us today;
that we will heed the Advent call to conversion of heart,
be renewed in our prayer and thanksgiving,
and so bear faithful witness to the light of Christ.
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 our expected Lord, 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.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.