

Season of Advent : Sunday 4B

General Intercessions

Priest

God's love lasts for ever; God's truth is firmly established as the heavens.
In this season of hope, let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader

1. For the Church:
may our hearts be a fitting dwelling place
for God to enable us to bring his presence to all those we meet.

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

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

2. In these days, leading up to the Lord's Nativity, let us pray for a listening heart:
that we, like Mary, may ponder God's invitation,
and give our full "yes" to all that God asks of us.
3. For all women awaiting the birth of a child:
that they may feel God's presence with them,
and that their children be born healthy and strong.
4. For all who are isolated and alone at Christmas,
especially those who are in hospital or care homes,
and those who are homeless:
may Christ fill their emptiness, and open our hearts to reach out to them.
5. Let us pray for peace and goodwill to all;
we pray especially for the people of the Holy Land region and Ukraine:
may the Lord turn human hearts from violence and domination
to resolve disputes with word and deeds of compassion.
6. For all who have died:
that the coming of Christ may open for them
the eternal joy and peace of God's presence.
7. We ask Mary, Blessed Mother of our Lord, 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.