### Prayer of the Faithful

# 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

### Presider

Encouraged by the words of Scripture, we strive to live in the way that is pleasing to God. As a people of hope, we bring our prayers and petitions before the Lord.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of our Church. May their words of peace and goodwill in this season of Advent be heard and heeded throughout the world.

Lord, hear us.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our civic leaders. May they share the vision of proclaiming the hope and peace promised by Jesus.

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We pray for all people who are apprehensive about life. May they find hope through a growing awareness of God’s unconditional love for each one of us.

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We pray for our faith community. During this season of Advent, may the Spirit of Hope open our hearts to God’s message of goodwill, especially within families.

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We pray for our sick relatives and friends, and for all who feel forgotten in their hour of need. We pray for those who have died recently and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they enjoy eternal peace in God’s kingdom.

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### Presider

Merciful God, through these prayers, continue to show us the way to your peace. We trust in you, through Christ our Lord.   
**Amen.**