### Prayer of the Faithful

# 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year C

### Presider

Our God is a God of justice who leads us to joy. As women and men of faith, we place our trust in God, who is always ready to extend mercy to those who reach out in prayer.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of the Church. May they continue to open our hearts and minds to the knowledge and proper understanding of God’s love for us.

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

We pray for the leaders of nations and political parties who proclaim a Christian message. May their voices be heard above those who strive to take Christ out of the season of hope.

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We pray for the peacemakers of our world. May they be supported in their efforts to bring hope to those trapped in conflict.

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We pray for our faith community during this season of Advent. May we prepare for the coming of Christ by reaching out to those most in need, as he did.

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We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.  
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries we recall at this time. May they be welcomed into the eternal peace of God’s kingdom.

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### Presider

Come, O come, Emmanuel. May your justice flourish in our time, and may the fullness of your peace come to all who have placed their trust in you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.   
**Amen.**