### Prayer of the Faithful

# 2nd Sunday in Advent, Year A

### Presider

Encouraged by the Scriptures, we are a people of hope. With one voice, we bring our prayers of petition before the Lord.

### Reader

We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops as the shepherds of God’s people. May their words of peace and goodwill during this season of Advent be heard and heeded throughout the world.

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

As we celebrate Human Rights Day this week, we pray that we may consciously develop a respect for all people, regardless of their race or religion, especially those we meet in our everyday lives.

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

We pray for all the young people in our Church who are preparing to travel to Lisbon for World Youth Day next year. May their faith be strengthened, and may they always feel God’s love in their lives.

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

We pray for our faith community. May we love one another and be united in mind and voice to give glory to God.

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

We pray for …

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**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sick family and friends, and for those who feel forgotten in their hour of need.  
We pray for those who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they be welcomed by God to their heavenly home.

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

### Presider

God of wisdom and understanding, receive the prayers of your people. 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.**