

Prayers of the People  
First Sunday of Advent  
Year B

At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That our gracious Savior may rouse God's church from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all people may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all Nations and their leaders may find divine energy and holy grace that will bring their hearts to vigilance and make them see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we here gathered for prayer may come to recognize in our holy assembly that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those of us who are lost, lonely, sick or with any kind of affliction and those listed on our Parish Prayer List, may find peace, love, mercy and wellness through the grace of our God, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all members of the Armed Forces, here, deployed overseas, on the seas, in the seas, and in the skies, and remembering especially those in harm's way, Justin Pippert, George Datile, Micah Williams, Christopher Brown, Tom Hernandez, Jonathan Wendt, John MacCormack, Jedidiah Crews, Joshua Tyler Farmer, Virginia Hudgins and Randy Groves, that God may protect and defend them day by day, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them in the night, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, and always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all who have died, leaving all on this earth behind, may come to dwell with you and with all your saints, let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect.*