

Prayers of the People
Second Sunday of Advent
Year B

In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and all of us a new creation. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May our gracious God be always for us a shepherd to console and comfort us, and to guide the leaders of all nations, so that the world may live in peace forever. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May we come to find in the desert of our lives the gift of forgiveness and may the church and its leaders find the waters of a new Jordan that will bring a cleansing refreshment, wisdom, compassion, and hope. For this let us pray to the Lord

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of those here present, the same God of John the Baptist, continue to raise up holy prophets in our midst who will tell the good news of a saving grace for all people. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need; the sick, the lonely, the marginalized, the forgotten, and all those listed on our Parish Prayer list, and grant them mercy. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of justice and mercy be will 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 Dutile, Micah Williams, Christopher Brown, Tom Hernandez, Jonathan Wendt, John MacCormack, Jedidiah Crews, Joshua Tyler Farmer, Virginia Hudgins and Randy Groves. And, may God protect and defend them day by day, strengthen them in their trials, and comfort them in the night. For this let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God who is our future in the gift of Jesus Christ hold us always in the embrace of faithful love and bring us to a new heaven and a new earth. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God of eternity bring the souls of all who have died in faith to his heavenly kingdom; to sit at his banquet table with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Andrew and all the saints. For this let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant concludes with a suitable collect.