

Prayers of the People  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Year B  
December 18, 2011

Rejoicing with Mary that the word comes among us, let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

May all the people of the world find in Mary, the servant of the Lord, the model of our heart's willing surrender to God's call. For this let us pray to the lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the church and its leaders discover in true spiritual virginity the richness of what God alone can do to make Christ come alive in Mary, in us, and in all the world. For this let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God of mystery who dwells in unapproachable light draw the nations and their leaders more and more deeply into the path of divine wisdom beyond all human expectation. For this let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we all here present may reverently offer in service to the world the ministry of light which we hold in fragile human hands, this sharing in the saving work of Christ the Light, let us pray to the Lord,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May those assembled here, in our deepest hearts, find strength in the gift of blessed hope that what God has begun to do in our world and in all our persons by Christ's saving work will be brought to its fullness by our Savior. For this let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we remember before God all who are sick, in need or in any kind of trouble and those listed on our Parish Prayer List, that God will accept them at his throne of mercy. For this let us pray to the Lord:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

May God's gentle hand be on 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 all who have died in the faith of Christ know the promise of resurrection. For this let us pray to the Lord:  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant concludes with a proper collect.*