

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

PRIEST: With confidence in the coming of the Son of God Our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly ask Our Loving Father to help us prepare to receive him and allow him to be born in our hearts.

READER: We pray for the Church that in this time of preparation we may be renewed in faith and hope reaching out to one another as true disciples. . **Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

We have each been called to stand erect with heads held high, always ready to greet our Master and God when he comes. May we help each other to grow in the faith that our liberation is close at hand and receive it in love and joy. **Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

Let us pray for those who have no hope and afraid of the future. May they be filled with faith in the coming of Christ. **Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

Let us remember the victims of violence and war everywhere, and especially the children who suffer so much. May they know the Love and compassion they need. **Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

Let us pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital that they may be aware that the Lord is with them in their troubles. **Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

Let us pray for those who have died through sickness, Those killed through violence and the effects of the changing climate. May they find the fullness of life in Christ. **Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

In the silence of our hearts, let us pray for our own families and friends.

Let us ask Mary the Mother of the Lord to pray with us. **Hail Mary ...**

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-living God,
we give thanks for all the graces that you bless us with.
May we use wisely all your gifts as true witnesses to your Love;
and be filled with your spirit as we await the Day of the Lord
we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**