

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

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. May God teach us his ways and so be renewed in faith, love and hope, reaching out to one another as true disciples. . **In your Mercy. Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

In God's infinite love we have each been called to stay awake always ready to greet our Master and God when he comes. May we help each other to grow in our understanding of the Word of God and receive it in love and joy. **In your Mercy. Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

Let us pray for the world's leaders and diplomats. May they work together to build a world of peace and hope with justice and compassion. **In your Mercy. 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 of Christ. **In your Mercy. 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 given the care and help they need. **In your Mercy. Come Lord Jesus: Do not delay.**

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

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

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