

## INTERCESSIONS FOR THE 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**PRIEST:** The Spirit of the Lord has been given to us, let us rejoice as we prepare for his coming and pray for his help in our needs.

**READER:** As disciples of Christ we have been anointed to bring good news to the poor the blind, deaf and the lame, May we show true care for the weakest among us. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus.**

We pray for the success of COP 15 on Bio-diversity. May those with the power and influence make every effort to protect Nature and life on our world. **In your Mercy: come Lord Jesus.**

As we prepare for the Day of the Lord, may our hearts be filled with integrity and joy. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus..**

We pray for the widow and orphan, the victims of war and violence, the refugee and destitute. May our faith be seen in our response to their needs. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus.**

We pray especially for those, who are enslaved and unjustly deprived of liberty and freedom. May we work for justice and salvation in our world. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus .**

We pray for those afraid of and worried about Christmas because of the financial crisis, may they find the support they need. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus.**

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died... and for all our dead... and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. **In your Mercy: Come Lord Jesus.**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

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

**PRIEST:** Almighty and ever-living God  
as we look forward in faith to the feast of our Lord's birth, grant that we may experience the happiness that our Saviour brings and joyfully celebrate his coming.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN